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Wilds Elected Convention President; Greene And Johnston Vice-Presidents



New officers elected at the recent Mississippi Baptist Convention include: President Auber J. Wilds, left; First Vice-President, Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. A. S. Johnston of Jackson and Secretary, Rev. George Gay of Ripley.

GEO. GAY RE-ELECTED SEC'Y.; WEBB BRAME TO PREACH SERMON

Editor's note: Last week's Baptist Record carried an account of the Mississippi Baptist Convention through the Tuesday morning session. Below is given an account of the sessions from Tuesday noon until final adjournment.

In accordance with recent custom, the Mississippi Baptist Convention re-elected for a second year President Auber J. Wilds and voted for a committee to be appointed to study the entire field of college education under Baptist auspices.

The convention voted approval of a report on college financial allocations from its Executive Board.

Christian Education

The Christian education recommendation was a three-part matter:

1. Allocation of cooperative program

receipts between the four Baptist college of the state on the basis of 30 percent to Miss. College, 25 percent to each of the girls' colleges, Blue Mountain and Woman's College and 20 per cent to Clarke, the junior college.

2. Authorize Clarke to initiate a campaign to raise \$350,000 for an improvement and expansion program.

3. Grant Woman's College a special sum of \$23,000 to assist in its reopening, the college being now in its first session since being closed seven years ago.

A special committee to review the board's program had recommended postponement of favorable action, but the convention after extended discussion both morning and afternoon, went ahead with adoption of the plan.

Concluding the college matter, Dr. Frank Moody Purser of Oxford secured adoption of a plan for a special committee to study the denomination's Christian education program. Selection of this committee would be made by a group composed of all four college presidents plus an appointee of the convention president.

The committee as appointed is composed of the following: R. D. Pearson (Continued on Page Two)

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Convention Board Members Listed

The Mississippi Baptist Convention elected the following as members of the Convention Board:

Term expiring 1948: H. B. Boutwell, Natchez, J. J. Burson, Shelby, James B. Middleton, Bruce, H. M. Collins, Houston, H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman, W. L. Meadows, Quitman, John D. Davis, Greenville, W. D. Gooch, Hernando, E. S. Flynt, Biloxi, J. F. Brock, Moss Point, F. M. Purser, Oxford, J. L. Morse, Dossville, John W. Landrum, Canton, W. D. Cole, Philadelphia, R. D. Pearson, Macon, Fred B. Bookter, McComb, Varda Smith New Albany, Claude (Continued on Page Two)

Europe Is A Miserable World

By Marjorie E. Moore

Today I got my winter coat out of storage. That coat haunted me last summer. It was chilly when we left Paris in September, and the people were already dreading the frost of early October. Fuel was sure to be scarce — fuel for human bodies to burn for energy as well as fuel for fire to burn for heat.

Sometimes I catch myself day-dreaming over my typewriter or kitchen sink, where I am oblivious of the weather because, without any effort on my part the places I live in stay about the same temperature. (Continued on Page Two)

The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious New Service Correspondent
BAPTISTS UNDERSCORE RELIEF

One Word—"Relief"—was the most important on the minds of Baptists from many countries who came here to commemorate the moving of the Baptist World Alliance headquarters to Washington.

The men from Europe left no doubt in the minds of anyone but that they expect a great amount of this relief, to be undertaken by Baptists through their denominational organizations in this country, to go to Germany.

More than one delegate from countries north of Germany that suffered cruel years of occupation under the Nazis urged a rebuilt Germany be— (Continued on Page Two)

National Group Formed To Insure Separation Of Church And State

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—Sixty American religious leaders have voted to create a nationwide organization to "insure the separation of church and state."

Dr. J. M. Dawson, public relations secretary of American Baptists and secretary of the new organization, said the organization's constitution and platform will be presented at a conference in St. Louis soon. Need for such an organization, embracing all faiths, arises from what he described as efforts to get public money for sectarian purposes, such as free textbooks for parochial schools.

Holding its organization meeting here, the group unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon "all Americans who profess allegiance to Protestantism, Judaism, or any other re-

ligious faith, and those who, though professing no church allegiance, believe in the American form of government "to join in demanding that legislatures, executives, and courts" shall defend the Constitution against all efforts to subvert it."

The group also asked that President Truman withdraw Myron Taylor as the president's personal representative to the Vatican.

Among those attending the meeting were Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York; Episcopal Bishop William Scarlett of St. Louis; Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, of Chicago; Dr. Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, of Atlanta; and Elmer E. Rogers, representing the Supreme Council of Scottish Rites, of Washington.

The Meaning Of The Tithe To The Department Of Church Music

"The Tithe is mine" saith the Lord; "Bring ye all the Tithers into the storehouse" is a commandment from God to all Christians.

If God's people would bring God's tithe to God's house, we would have sufficient funds to take care of every phase of His work.

More is said about giving in the Bible than about Salvation. God has given us a plan for financing the work of the Kingdom. His plan calls for tithes and offerings. When we take God's plan and forget man's plan, we are going to see a glorious increase in every department of our work.

When all of our departments are doing good work it is easy for the Music Department to find a ready response from the people.

Let us pray that God's people will not only try tithing from three months but that they will adopt it as their plan for giving from now until the Lord shall say "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord."

Truman Reaffirms Statement That Taylor Appointment Is Temporary

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—President Truman has again assured a delegation of five evangelical leaders that the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican was "a temporary expedient."

The assurance was given in a conference between Mr. Truman and five members of the original delegation that called on the President regarding

the Taylor appointment June 5, 1946.

Members of today's group were Dr. Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, representing the Methodist Church; Dr. W. E. Garrison of the Christian Century, representing the Disciples of Christ; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlburg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Samuel (Continued On Page Five)

The Baptist Record EF Plan Increases Finances

WILDS ELECTED CONVENTION PRESIDENT; GREENE AND JOHNSTON VICE-PRESIDENTS

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son, W. M. Whittington, James W. Parrish, W. L. Compere and one other to be appointed by the president of Blue Mountain College, Dr. L. T. Lowrey.

In addition to President Wilds, the convention elected Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke college, as first vice-president, and Rev. Albert Sidney Johnston, pastor of Jackson's Davis Memorial church, as second vice-president. Rev. George Gay was reelected secretary.

Dr. D. Swan Haworth, of Vicksburg, as chairman of the committee to review the commission on Education report, announced that the committee recommended disapproval of the report which had allocated funds to the four Baptist Colleges and which included the special item of \$23,000 for Mississippi Woman's College.

Following the reading of the report, Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of Woman's College took the floor to deliver a strong protest to the report and offering instead a substitution motion to adopt the recommendation of the Education Commission, and further discussion was deferred in order to permit time for Dr. Bell to deliver the convention sermon.

During the afternoon session the discussion was continued, and among those taking the floor to urge the passage of the commission's resolutions were Rev. R. P. Butler, of Wiggins, Rev. W. L. Compere, of Jackson, Dr. F. M. Purser, of Oxford, Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary.

Limit Terms

Voting an amendment to bylaws of the Convention, the Convention voted to follow the plan of the Southern Baptist convention and limit terms of members of boards of trustees of the various institutions, hospital, and schools to six years. It was explained, however, that after the lapse of a single year a man who had served his two full three-years terms could again be elected to the board.

During the day Dr. Eugene Farr spoke in behalf of ministerial education and advocated that the convention allocate \$10,000 to assist with the education of the ministers and the ministers wives now on the campuses of Mississippi College and Clarke College. No action was taken on the suggestion, however.

Rev. Fred Bookter of McComb presented an interesting report on the Training of Negro Ministers in Mississippi. He outlined briefly the work of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson and its branch schools, at Prentiss, Hattiesburg, Indianola, Lexington, Magnolia, Greenville, Sardis and Meridian. He urged the white ministers of the state to assist these schools in the teaching of classes, and he said that the Baptist Convention could invest \$50,000 with profit in the training of negro ministers for the state.

The report of the nominating committee on boards of trustees for the various institutions was adopted as presented. The committee was headed by the Rev. W. L. Day of Louisville, and included Dr. B. Frank Smith of Hattiesburg, Harry Smalwolod of Laurel, C. B. Young, Sardis; Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Merigold, and Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello.

Editor's Note: The list of the various trustees and Convention Board Members will be found in another column.

The Baptist Record

Preceding the Home Mission report Dr. D. A. McCall presented the workers in the mailing and business department of the Baptist Record. In the form of a very interesting quiz program he brought out many interesting facts about the Baptist Record and offered helpful suggestions.

Editor A. L. Goodrich was in charge of the Baptist Record Editorial Department program and urged all churches to use the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. He also announced that the circulation was 59,447 and made an earnest plea to make it 60,000 by Christmas.

Dr. George W. Sadler was to have spoken on Foreign Missions, but did not arrive, his plane having been grounded because of bad weather. Dr. W. A. Bell presented the Foreign Mission report and presented missionary volunteers who were present.

Reports on Europe and the Baptist World Alliance were made by Dr. W. R. Hunter, Miss Edwina Robinson, Dr. W. S. Hardin and Dr. D. Swan Haworth.

On Wednesday afternoon the following departments made reports: Brotherhood by W. R. Roberts and Henry Edmonds; B.S.U., Charles W. Horner; Music, Luther A. Harrison; Evangelism, B. H. Benton; Institutional Work, James B. Parker; and Historical Society, J. L. Boyd.

A proposed hospital for incurables was endorsed and the Historical Society was voted \$10 per month.

Criswell Thrills

The Convention at its final meeting Wednesday night heard the "message of absolute liberty" described as the mission of the church in the world of today. The speaker, Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, closed the 112th annual convention, which had been in session since Monday.

Asserting that Communists, Fascists and the Roman Catholic church have a sense of mission, Dr. Criswell asked, "But what of us who cannot turn to Moscow, and what of us who cannot bend the knee to the Holy See of Rome? Is there not another way?"

"We believe there is," he continued. "It is the message of absolute liberty for which our Baptist forebears laid down their lives."

"It is the liberty they were instrumental in writing into the constitution of the United States of America."

Radio Program Approved

In the concluding hours of the convention Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, Jackson, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Cecil Travis, prominent Jackson business man and Baptist layman, outlined a plan for a Baptist House, for Mississippi.

The plan, which calls for an expenditure of \$15,000, was adopted unanimously by the convention.

The Baptist Hour, which will be broadcast weekly over seven radio stations in the state so chosen as to reach the most people in the state, will not be begun until all the money has been underwritten and until one fourth of the funds are in hand.

The convention returns to Jackson for 1948 in keeping with its recent custom, meeting in the First Baptist church with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins as host pastor. November 5-13, Monday night through Thursday morning, will be the dates.

Dr. Webb Brame of Yazoo City was chosen to bring the convention sermon next year with Dr. Glen-
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cause, they maintained, most Germans never were Nazis at heart and waited patiently for the Hitlerites to be overthrown.

The delegate from Denmark, who lived through the Nazi occupation in his country, said he could feel only sympathy for most Germans. He said in a speech that he knew many Germans who had lived and suffered in silence under Hitler, not knowing what else to do. He said he helped some of them to get out through the underground during the very height of the war.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo., new president of the Baptist World Alliance, speaks German fluently, is proud that his grandparents came from there. He says flatly that Germans should be helped without stint.

It's significant that Dr. Walter O. Lewis, longtime executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, should be chosen to head up the relief program. A close student of European affairs, he will make his headquarters probably in Germany, where he has visited much before the war and since the war ended.

Protestant And Myron Taylor

There's a tendency among the Baptists—and some other Protestant representatives here—to believe that President Truman is endeavoring to create an impression that Myron C. Taylor is his representative to all religions instead of just a "special representative to the Vatican," as Taylor has been heretofore.

These Protestants point out that when the White House on October 2 issued its latest pledge of support for Taylor, the statement said that the diplomat would continue to "confer with world religious leaders."

Taylor, it was recalled, publicly let it be known that he visited the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Bishop Dibelius of Berlin, on his return from the Vatican.

These same sources here say that Taylor himself requested the off-the-record meeting on Monday, October 20, in New York, for which Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, sent out invitations to Protestant leaders.

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CONVENTION BOARD MEMBERS LISTED

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Bowen, Jackson, Swan Haworth, Vicksburg, E. J. Caswell, West Point, S. R. Woodson, Columbus, M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst, J. E. Cranford, Collins, C. O. Daniels, Scooba, R. R. Brigance, Gloster, T. R. Coulter, Taylorsville, James C. Munroe Pontotoc.

Terms expiring 1948: R. C. Holcomb, Kosciusko, L. D. Sellers, Carrollton, Fred B. Moseley, Lucedale, M. E. Perry, Leakesville, G. E. Wiley, Grenada, S. B. Harrington, Tchula, R. E. Gardner, Louin, Joe Hudson, Bassfield, E. D. Hurst, Laurel, N. W. Cox, Meridian, B. E. Phillips, Newhebron, Virgil Ratcliff, Hattiesburg, J. D. Thompson, Plantersville, A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena, C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, C. B. Hamlett, III, Winona, R. W. Martin, Batesville, S. P. Powell, Carriere, H. L. Martin, Senatobia, W. L. Day, Louisville, J. B. Hemphill, Brookhaven, G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie.

Term expiring 1950: J. W. Vassar, Corinth, W. B. May, Ashland, A. G. Grantham, Guntown, H. D. Jordan, Columbus, H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs, Charlie Morgan, Stonewall, R. A. Morris, Newton, J. D. Ray, Starkville, Paul Bell, Beaumont, L. G. Sansing, Booneville, Wayne Allison, Florence, F. K.

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ature all year 'round.
I keep wondering about those Baptist deaconesses in the hospitals and home for the aged, who anxiously cared for the tomatoes ripening in the sun on second-and third-story window boxes. All over Europe I saw tomato plants in flower pots. These tomatoes have all been eaten; I wonder how they get their Vitamin A and other food necessities now.

Stamped forever on my mind, I think, is the picture of a little bit of a fraulein plodding barefooted and bareheaded through the August rain with a big package in her arms. Suddenly seeing a lone lady passenger on the U. S. military train going by, she threw up her hand and waved eagerly. That child knew no stranger nor "ex-enemy"; her gesture of spontaneous friendliness did me good. I wonder if she's still alive.

I keep thinking of the children in a Polish Baptist orphanage, where heifers from the church people in the States furnish the best food they've had in years. An American Methodist of Berlin told me she had arrived at the orphanage one Sunday evening about milking time. The Swedish Baptist relief worker on duty appealed to her for a rather unusual favor.

"Please," she said with all seriousness, "They did not teach the heifers to understand Polish or Swedish, and they didn't teach me enough English. What do you say in American to make a cow stand still to be milked?"

The visitor, who had no firsthand knowledge of dairying, tried out the words she thought might be appropriate, but got no results until she remembered to say, "Stand still, Boss!" Like magic the heifer responded and was milked in record time.

Such day dreams are enough to spoil a Christian's holiday season. In self-defense I have to do something to get rid of them. That slightly used heavy coat (I'll wager it did not leave my closet as much as 20 times all winter) will be on its way to Europe tomorrow. My spring coat over a wool suit keeps me warm on even the coldest day in Dixie. In conservation experiments I have discovered how easy it is for me to order soup or a salad instead of a sandwich wherever I go for lunch, and the habit of eating bread for dinner is completely broken.

The Christmas gift check I usually receive is earmarked for the Baptist World Alliance's goal for a million dollars for food in January. I want to do that much toward renewing the supply of powdered milk in the hospital I visited in Berlin, and of spaghetti in the orphanage in Rome. Maybe the Christmasless homes in Europe and Asia will be a little less bleak this year if I can quit daydreaming and do something to share the warmth and health and peace of mine in His name.

—BR—

A generous gift to the Baptist Orphanage would help you to enjoy your own Thanksgiving at home all the more.

Horton, Clarksdale, J. B. Smith, Magee, W. S. Hardin, Drew, Kermit Canterbury, Charleston, C. J. Smyley, Blue Mountain, Jack J. Cranford, Iuka, H. A. Scott, Tyertown, H. H. Harkley, State-line, K. R. Cofer, Water Valley, Webb Brame, Yazoo City, J. R. Reedy, Europa.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I

1. The Convention Board meets in important annual session at the Baptist Building, Thursday, December 4th, 4:00 p. m.

2. The Executive Committee meets at the Baptist Building the same day at 2:00 p. m.

The Budget Committee meeting will probably be held at 10:00 a. m.

II

We have about twenty associations in which EVERY church has contributed through the Co-operative Program to the work of Christ. Why not lead yours to be 100%? Get the church to give something. If you fail there, get an interested member to give something. If you fail there, give something yourself for that church. We seriously believe we may come to December 31st with every one of our churches on the blood-red banner list giving to the work of Christ!

III

We probably have around 75,000 tithers pledging to support His work in His way! We have 350,000 Mississippi Baptists! The other 275,000 should do the thing His way! After all there are just two ways - His way and our way! Isaiah 53:6. Isaiah 55:9. Jeremiah 6:16. John 14:6. Let us walk His way! Malachi 3. I Corinthians 16:1-2. II Corinthians, chapters 8-9.

Write for tithing cards for your church. Put on the Every Member Canvass. We furnish these cards free of charge. (Census cards are ordered from the Baptist Book Store.)

Should you just want to make an individual tithing pledge and having no card, take a postal card and write on it, "I pledge to practice the bringing of tithes and offerings into His storehouse for His work as taught in the word of God." Signed _____

IV

The 1947 Mississippi Baptist Convention was typically good in every sense. The presiding of Auber Wilds and his associates was of the highest type. Secretary George Gay was efficient. The music was enjoyable. The fellowship is the best in the world. The mission presentations brought appreciation. Christian Education got good attention, as did social service.

A new Education Commission will function within one year. They have a great field. That will release this office to added promotion in evangelism, stewardship, preaching, visitation, and planning.

The Christian Education allocation for 1948 is Mississippi College 30%, Blue Mountain College 25%, Woman's College 25%, and Clarke College 20%.

Woman's College was given a \$23,000 preferred item helping them to get started and to make up for leaving them altogether out of the allocation two years ago.

Clarke College received approval for an all out campaign in 1948 on their \$350,000 overall goal.

A great summertime soul winning youth campaign was authorized!

Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, brought a stirring closing message. He is coming to us for our 1949 Evangelistic Conference.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins and First Church were great hosts.

Pastor G. C. Hodge, his program committee, and other committees did excellent work! Doxology!

V

The following questionnaire was sent out to several hundred people. We are happy to report a summary of replies as follows:

1. Do you read page 3, commonly known as the "Mississippi Baptist" column, in the Baptist Record?

Scores replied, "Yes."

A variety of answers were given as follows:

"Yes, regularly", "I do", "Yes, always", "Most of it most of the time. Some of it all the time." "I do, and like it," "Every word of it," "Not in every issue, but most of them.", "Yes, First", "yes, every word of it, every week."

2. Do you find it helpful, or enjoyable?

Many answered, "Yes."

Other answers were: "Gives information. Good instruction. Helpful suggestions. Items of personal interest.", "Yes, helpful", "Yes, both", "Yes, very", "Both", "Yes, both helpful and enjoyable", "You're most helpful in bringing about a better knowledge of the Scriptures, and you give us a glimpse of Baptist work in Mississippi 'in a nutshell'.", "I find it helpful", "Very much", "I find it both", "I find the column very helpful and also enjoyable because I have the opportunity of knowing the good work being accomplished", "Most helpful and enjoyable", "I do", "Very", "Most helpful, and very, very enjoyable", "I find it very interesting, instructive, inspiring, and a channel of closer fellowship."

3. What do you like about the material?

A variety of answers were given as follows:

"Gives a good deal of Secretary's activities. Items of individual interest to many. Thoughts that concern us all. Teaching value as to texts and scriptures.", "It is all helpful to a shut-in like myself", "It gives the work of Mississippi Baptists and needs, plans, enlargement and worthy goals - leads us to greater achievements.", "Inspirational and encouraging mostly.", "It is like a friendly chat.", "I like the way you stick to the King's business", "The enthusiastic and straight forward appeal.", "The informal report of the spirit and work of the office there, and of the churches mentioned from time to time. It is a boost to the morale of the pastors.", "Every line", "The subject matter is informative; the style, interesting; and the spirit, fine.", "It is practical as well as spiritual.", "The Christ like matter it contains.", "I like to hear about the activities of the Executive Secretary, also the churches he

visits.", "Informational, inspirational, and interestingly written.", "First, the passages of scripture - Second, church news items - and always, like a sermon talk - last week, November 6th, "The Last Week of Our Lord's Ministry and Crucifixion", "All of it", "The material is informational, inspirational, instructive, and heart warming.", "The scripture comments", "It gives so much information", "I as a Baptist like to know what all the other churches are doing.", "It keeps me informed of the work in our state in a very interesting way.", "It is Biblical, sensible, and most practical.", "It informs me, feeds me (spiritually) and makes me want to do more for Christ's cause.", "Wisdom", "Spiritual and instructive", "Informing and inspiring", "All of it, especially your comments on passages of the Scripture.", "The reports on people's zeal for Christ.", "I like the Bible material most, next the news.", "Information, inspirational, and a deeper understanding of the words, 'Love Never Fails'.", "Everything", "Good", "I like knowing what other churches are doing about the Co-operative Program and all the interesting facts in this column.", "It's good", "I enjoy looking up the scripture readings (they always refill my heart with love for God). I get the highlights of our Christian people of the world.", "Devotional" "I like the theme, 'Love Never Fails'. I like the way in which that theme runs throughout the whole page.", "The scriptures are most helpful and report of work interesting.", "I especially appreciate the emphasis given to the Cooperative Program and the promotion of 'unity' in the denomination.", "Details of Scotchie's travels and inspirational scripture.", "I like the works of the mission.", "The verses of Scripture made plain", "The urgency of getting these things into hen's lives.", "I like it because it brought in facts about different things.", "The material on page three is in my opinion 'The Baptist Record In Brief.' Next to the informative material, I thoroughly enjoy and I am certainly inspired to work harder by following mentally the path of Mississippi's busiest preacher.", "Life of Jesus", "It is full of helpful facts and sound advice about the work of Mississippi Baptists.", "It is unique and refreshing; provokes thoughts; and often gives an insight into a number of our brethren and churches' work that we would otherwise miss.", "I can find no criticism at all", "It's all right so far as I know", "I like it because I learn more about Mississippi Baptists. My spiritual life grows richer through the Scripture readings.", "Using the word 'we' instead of the word 'I', and the Golden Rule.", "Intelligent treatment of all phases of our denominational work. Progressive, aggressive attitude.", "We like the spiritual thread that runs through the whole column."

4. What, if anything, would you prefer to see left out?

Many answered, "Nothing" or "None."

Other answers were as follows:

"Some times suggestions that somebody was irritated, or complained. All will not see alike all of the time, and will misunderstand, or misinterpret what is good.", "It's O. K.", "Not anything", "Please! Nothing at all.", "You could have left this question out. Surely the page is 'Much in little'.", "Use no defense for Secretary's work, it needs none, it speaks for itself.", "So far so good.", "I have liked everything he has written in it. Cut out some of the peoples' sayings who praise themselves and give him more space.", "Nothing, your page is informative and inspirational thereby leading our denomination into a greater service of worship, serving, and giving.", "Wouldn't want to judge that. Maybe statistics!", "If the Baptist Record were reduced to a single sheet, I would want page three to be on that sheet!", "I haven't read anything on our Secretary's page I would like to see left out. It is all good!", "It is so varied that I do not see anything that tends toward monotony or undesirability.", "I like it - 'as is'.", "Everything except matters pertaining to your work.", "I haven't so far noticed anything that should be left out.", "Knowing your oversight of the work we appreciate your viewpoint to keep us in touch with our board's work.", "It is adequate."

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I am happy to compile these reports directly from the answers returned to this office from the questionnaire sent out to several hundred people over the state.

ERNESTINE COOPER, Office Secretary

Sylvarena Has Good Record

Four young men of Sylvarena church, near Wesson, ministry, and Pastor M. P. Jones and the people rejoice at the great future which lies ahead of these men.

Rev. Cecil Randall, now in the New Orleans Seminary, and Rev. J. P. Brewer, now at Mississippi College are pastor of two full time country churches. The church has licensed Arnett Sullivan and Holmes Carlisle. These two are now at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College at Wesson.

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Of the 853 churches in Florida, only 24 did not give something to missions in 1947, according to the report for the year by Secretary John Maguire.

Blue Mountain, Miss. Nov. 21 — Mary Lois Pearson, Eupora, president of the home economics club of Blue Mountain College, and Natalie Cockroft, secretary, Memphis, Tenn., represented the club at the meeting of Province 5 workshop of the college division of the American Home Economics Association at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., last week.

Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, lecturer, writer, and considered one of the nation's foremost Bible scholars, will discuss "How The Bible Grew," on the early CBS "Church of the Air," Sunday, Nov. 30 (CBS, 10:00-10:30 A. M., E.S.T. From Los Angeles). Dr. Goodspeed, a retired Baptist minister, is the fourth speaker in the seven-week series devoted to giving laymen a better understanding of the Bible.

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The State Convention

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is now history but the spiritual powers released there, the plans made, and the programs promoted will make themselves felt in the life of Mississippi Baptists for years to come.

The messengers as well as visitors seemed to feel a high sense of duty and must have been trying to tune themselves to God's will. At times it seemed that the Master was using them as the keys of a great piano and was playing upon the whole keyboard of emotions, impulses and human hearts.

Who would fail to note the large audiences as they sat silently and worshipfully while God's people opened the Book and taught its truths. Our hearts were lifted heavenward as the thousands raised their hymns of praise and none can ever forget the high hours as groups of well-trained young men and women from our colleges sang not for self but for God. Throughout the sessions we could sense a feeling of seriousness and responsibility. Speaker after speaker laid upon our hearts a lost world in need of a Savior, a sinful world in need of redemption, a hungry world crying for food, and a desperate and despairing world that knew not where to turn.

We believe that many pastors and other messengers left the Convention with a determination to try to do something to meet the present day needs even at the cost of sacrifice.

Having seen the hunger and want in Europe during the past summer, we could not avoid contrasting the privations, sufferings, and hunger of the people of other lands with the abundance, the freedom and the opportunities which we of America enjoy.

Bitterness and insinuations were absent. Nobody accused anybody of ulterior motives. Differences of opinion were present. But each speaker seemed to respect the

honest purpose of others.

All our institutions, agencies and boards were gladly heard. Evangelism and missions, winning the lost at home and abroad, received much emphasis. Whether it was Christian education, benevolences, radio, Brotherhood, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Training Union, Music, Temperance, or B.S.U. the ultimate aim and objective was the winning of the lost and the training of the saved.

Space prevents detailing all the action of the Convention but below we list some of the outstanding accomplishments: Adopted the report of the Special Committee on Christian Education presented by Dr. R. B. Gunter (published recently in the Baptist Record); Amended the by-laws limiting trustees and Convention Board members to six years. After one year they will be eligible for re-election; appointed a committee to study the Mississippi Baptist educational program; and appointed a committee to study the Mississippi Baptist education program; and appointed a committee to advance the work of Baptist Relief to foreign countries.

While editorial duties did not permit us to attend all of every session, we kept in close touch with the Convention and below are listed some of our impressions:

1. Mississippi Baptists are interested in Baptist affairs. Every section of the state was represented. Every class was represented. The rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, the well dressed and the poorly dressed, the old and the young were there.

2. Mississippi Baptists are Bible Baptists. Every speaker who had occasion to do so, stood firmly on the Bible. Not one weak word or insinuating remark was spoken regarding God's book.

3. Mississippi Baptists have a growing vision of missionary responsibilities and missionary possibilities.

4. Mississippi Baptists AGAIN demonstrated that Baptists can function as a great democratic body with individual freedom of expression and vote. So far as we could see, there were no private plans nor undercover businesses. The people were given a chance to speak out and to vote their convictions. Not every action went our way but nothing was xx "railroaded" xx through.

5. Mississippi Baptists are united as never before. At least we can speak from the experience of 18 consecutive conventions. And never have we seen a better spirit.

6. Mississippi Baptists have a progressive, aggressive, forward

spirit. Not one word of pessimism did we hear. If any defeatists were present they were dumb for they spoke no words.

7. Mississippi Baptists are just that. No word of Modernism did we hear. No speaker either in private or upon the platform spoke one word that did not ring true to the cherished principles for which Baptists have fought and died. They know what they believe that our Lord meant what he said when he commanded, "Go ye into ALL the world."

The Mississippi Baptist Convention was a great, heartwarming, soul-stirring convention.

There is a great spirit of fellowship and devotion among Mississippi Baptists. Never before have we seen greater devotion to the Lord's work and a greater degree of harmony and cooperation.

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I Will Surely Give

There is not a one of us but is critical of children, who are unappreciative of their parents or neglect them. We deplore the fact that giving is many times one-sided.

From the early pages of God's Word we find His servants expressing their thanks to Him. In Genesis 28:22 Jacob's vow, "I will surely give the tenth unto Three", is recorded. And so, we have thanks-giving. These men of God through the pages of the Book often observed times of thanks-giving. However, in the world today, only the United States of America, observes an annual season of Thanksgiving.

Love and appreciation of family and friends and of Deity will express itself in giving. And all our giving is more effective if it is undergirded by our thanks-living. For daily conduct is a barometer of what is in our hearts. How many of us render lip service not only to those near and dear to us by human ties, but fall short in deed?

For many months Southern Baptists have emphasized stewardship. Stewardship may be expressed in many ways, one of which is in the giving of our earnings. These are truly a part of us, because they represent the fruit of our labors.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." As we minister to the physical needs of our neighbors, at home and abroad, we are serving our Lord.

When we love we want to express that love by giving. Will our love at the Thanksgiving season be expressed by giving? We have a responsibility in sharing our

material possessions. There was no question about Jacob's giving. It seems to me he is saying, "That is the least I can do for all Thou hast done for me."

But in this year of our Lord we have greater responsibility than Jacob, we have the privilege of sharing the Good News of Christ and His coming to redeem the world. In order to tell the Gospel Story to those beyond our personal touch, we give of our means for others to go as our representatives.

In this "land of the free and the home of the brave" how will we observe Thanksgiving? Will our expressions at this season prove the culmination of thanksgiving-living since last year, or will we count this a holiday and not a Holy day?

Thanksgiving and thanksgiving. "I will surely give" not only to those I love, but to Him who is Love.

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The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South has announced \$1,100,000 as a goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

That is a lot of money, but our good Baptist women will get it. And the goal is not too much when we consider the spiritual needs of the world.

The blessed women, sensing the spiritual needs of our land, are equally courageous in their determination to raise \$1,100,000 to try to meet those needs. The women of Mississippi have set \$70,000 as their share of the goal of \$1,100,000.

Thus the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi will make it possible for our Foreign Mission Board to open new fields, strengthen fields already established and improve the equipment already in use.

We do not need to urge the women. They can be counted upon. But we do urge every man to see that women without income are provided with funds to enable them to make a worthy offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

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Selected Editorial

ON GIVING THANKS

During this Thanksgiving "season" when we are reminded more pointedly of the many personal blessings that have been ours, we are apt to fail to fully consider an underlying blessing—that of being what is commonly referred to as "an American."

Mathematically, one's chance of
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WILDS ELECTED CONVENTION PRESIDENT; GREENE AND JOHNSTON VICE-PRESIDENTS

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Eric Wiley of Grenada the alternate.

The resolutions committee report included a recommendation that Co-operative program receipts be divided 50-50 between State and south wide objects. At present, 60 per cent of the money is used in Mississippi and 40 per cent sent on to Southwide and Worldwide boards for distribution.

The convention declined to accept the recommendation but referred the matter to the Convention Board. The group will meet in Jackson December 4 and 5 instead of its original schedule of December 8-9.

The convention heard and approved a report from the Baptist Foundation as presented by J. A. Travis, outgoing executive secretary, and by Leland Speed, president of the board.

Travis thanked the convention for the support, encouragement and trust placed in the Foundation during the two years he has directed its activities. Speaking briefly Mayor Speed deplored the fact that the college endowments were not higher, and said that church contributions had not kept pace with the changing order of the day. He touched briefly on the outside influence that were at work in the state, and he declared that "they are tired of Mississippi being a Baptist state." Mayor Speed declared that he was proud of the heritage left him by his forefathers, and he outside influences that were at work hoped that the Baptists would continue to stride forward.

The convention voted to send to Chester Swor, who is now at his home here, a message of encouragement and sympathy. Dr. Swor was injured in a traffic accident several months ago in Alabama, and has since been confined to his bed.

Board's Report Approved

The convention voted to approve and accept the report of the committee to review the convention board's report. This committee was composed of J. E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, J. J. Courson, Mathiston, W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg, Norman Price, Jackson, L. G. Sansing, Booneville, J. W. Parrish, Laurel, and J. D. Walker, Calhoun City.

Expression of appreciation were voiced to the LeToureau Foundation for the work accomplished in the state.

The convention also gave a rising vote of thanks to J. A. Travis for the work he has done with the Baptist Foundation.

The morning session of the final day of the Convention was opened by a prayer and praise service led by Howard Aultman, Mrs. W. L. Compere, and W. R. Cooper.

Reports were presented as follows, Baptist Memorial hospital by J. B. Middleton, Baptist Orphanage by Supt. W. G. Mize, temperance by W. L. Holcomb, aged minister's relief by C. J. Olander, relief and annuity by Joe T. Odle and R. S. Jones. The work of the Baptist Training Union was presented by Auber J. Wilds and Joe Abrams. Miss Edwina Robinson and Mrs. Wilma Sledge discussed the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, and E. C. Williams, presented the work of the Sunday School to the convention.

The convention voted to restore to six percent the allocation from the co-operative funds to the Baptist Orphanage. In the past year the orphan-

age has received only a two per cent allocation.

Highlight of the morning was an inspiring and challenging address by Joe W. Burton, of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Mr. Burton prefaced his talk with some statistics which showed that Mississippi Baptists during the current year had gained 12 percent in Baptisms, four percent in Membership, nine per cent in Sunday School enrollment, three percent in Training Union enrollment, six per cent in total gifts, and 26 percent in property.

Which Way America?

Mr. Burton's subject was Which Way America? He made a strong plea for a more comprehensive Christian education program which would even embrace a public school system, and he deplored the lack of godly teachers in present day schools. He also denounced the prevalent call to unionization on the part of all churches and declared that all denominations must remain separate to remain strong. He made a strong plea for right living saying, "We do not fear fascism, we do not fear communism, but we do fear the free spirit of adultery. This spirit must be conquered. We must have a new spirit of dedication to Christian home building."

L. E. Greene presented the Home Mission report and Dr. John D. Freeman of Atlanta made an inspiring address on the work of the Home Board. He also stressed the importance of rural churches.

To advance foreign relief work the following committee was appointed: G. E. Wiley, Owen Cooper and Carey Cox.

Rev. C. J. Olander, who has served for several years on the Aged Ministers' Relief Committee and also on the Relief and Annuity Board, asked that Joe T. Odle be elected in his place. The reason—due to the limit on years of service on Boards, he has retired as a member of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The Convention gave Mr. Olander a vote of thanks for his faithful services.

Dr. Lipsey Honored

It was also voted to dedicate a page in the Convention Annual to Dr. P. I. Lipsey former editor of the Baptist Record who recently passed away.

The Baptist Hospital Annex was dedicated in an impressive ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. A full account will appear in the next issue.

The report of the Special Committee on Christian Education was presented by Dr. R. B. Gunter and adopted. This report was printed in two issues of the Baptist Record.

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QUESTIONS JESUS ANSWERED

(\$1.50) is a volume containing ten sermons by Dr. Wm. Ward Ayer, popular pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. In this volume of sermons, Dr. Ayer brings to the reader's remembrance eight outstanding questions asked the Christ during His earthly ministry. Pastors, Christian workers and all follow the teachings of Christ will be helped by reading these timely and heartwarming messages. Order from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store.

Steen's Creek Church, Florence, recently raised \$2,300 for the pastorium building fund. The fund now totals about \$4,500 and the church hopes to start construction at an early date.

UNITY LICENSES PARKER



REV. BURNIS PARKER

At the Unity Baptist church, Pascagoula, Miss., Burnis Parker was licensed on August 31. Following this he entered Clarke College at Newton to begin his preparation for the Baptist ministry. Mrs. Parker was baptized into Unity church by Pastor Wallace Harrell, who speaks highly of the possibilities of the young couple. They have two children, one three years old and the other one year old.

The newly licensed minister was formerly in the Navy during the recent world war, and the people of the community wish for him a long and successful ministry.

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After S. E. Studd is the gripping story of the triumph of faith. The author, Norman P. Grubb, tells how, in crisis and calamity, God heard the faith-founded prayers of his children. The author, a son-in-law of C. T. Studd, is secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade and the book deals with the trials and triumphs of that organization. It will strengthen your faith and provide abundant spiritual food. The price is \$2 and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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TRUMAN REAFFIRMS STATEMENT THAT TAYLOR APPOINTMENT IS TEMPORARY

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McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Representatives of the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches had been expected but could not come because of prior engagements.

The group issued the following statement on the White House conference:

"The delegation understands that the President strongly feels a need for the united support of all moral and religious forces of the nation and the world in his effort to secure a just and durable peace. With this position the delegation expressed its complete accord.

"The delegation pointed out that the equal treatment of all religious groups by the government, in so far as it has relations with them, is essential to such united support by them. With this conviction the President expressed his agreement.

"The delegation left with the President certain suggestions which it believed would insure the attainment of this end. The President stated that he would take these suggestions under careful consideration.

"Meanwhile, the President reaffirmed his statement made to the delegation on June 5, 1946, that the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor was a temporary expedient."

Clothes For a Million!

The Seminary Presidents are all for the campaign.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary says: "I pledge hearty and prayerful co-operation with campaign for clothes for a million people for it is a wonderful and worthy undertaking."

Dr. E. D. Head of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary says: "By all means let us support this campaign for clothes for a million people in word and with abundant gifts."

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary says: "While unhappy Europe freezes and shivers let fortunate Baptists be generous."

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! You may still ship clean, used clothing to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, for delivery to Baptists in Europe and Asia this winter. Be sure it goes to New Orleans PREPAID.

At a Pat Neff rally, the Baylor University president who announced his plans to retire December 31, said he would stay on as long as the Board of Trustees wanted him.

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SELECTED EDITORIAL

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being born in the United States is about one in sixteen. Yet where else can one live and own land, select his own job, be tried by a jury of his peers, stay away from work without permission or without good and sufficient reason, strike or join a picket line, employ anyone to work for him, have freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and of his press and radio (meaning freedom to operate without censorship by the government)? Where else can one show a tendency toward friendliness with a foreigner without secret police watching every move? Most of us will agree, allowing for possible propagandized news sources, that the plight of the other fifteen-sixteenths is pretty tragic.

According to generalized statements made by an eminent industrial leader who has recently toured Europe, the weekly wages of the typical working man in parts of Europe and Asia will purchase eight pounds of beef or fifteen quarts of milk. An American worker with his weekly income can buy eighty pounds of beef or two hundred and seventy-six quarts of milk. Over there one pair of shoes costs one hundred and sixty hours of work. Over here a pair of shoes may be purchased with three hours work. With the same number of acres under cultivation an American farmer turns out four and a half times as much as a farmer over there.

Despite the objections to and denunciations of our American system of competitive free enterprise, which frequently are likely to be based on fallacies, we can be glad that in this country we are not, as a rule, satisfied with things as they are. We can be thankful if we advocate refinement, renovation and repair to the present structure, for degeneration begins where self-satisfaction begins.

With this as a suggestive basis, we would do well to allow a deep appreciation of our way of life, devoid of emotionalism and stark propagandism, to crystallize in our minds. Only then can we observe with a sufficient attitude of gratefulness a national Day of Thanksgiving. The Mississippi Collegian.

• Southern Baptist Foreign Missions •

M. THERON RANKIN,
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH,
Editor, THE COMMISSION

A good start is being made on the Southern Baptist goal by November 1 of securing clothing for half a million people. The Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, reported that for the first twelve days in November a total of more than 125,000 pounds of used clothing, shoes, and bedding had been received. Pastor Manfredi Ronchi of the Italian Baptist Union, Rome, advises that his committee is prepared to receive and distribute relief materials. The offices of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington advises that channels have been opened for shipment of clothing and other supplies to our Baptist representative in Hungary, Rev. Imre Somogyi. Arrangements have been made, also, for shipments into Germany through the Baptist Relief Committee known as Bruderhilfe by special arrangement through CRALOG, authorized by military authorities in Germany. We are not permitted to make any contact with our fellow Baptists in Yugoslavia and Rumania.

Already we are hearing from a number of churches which have placed The Commission in the budget for 1948. We hope that hundreds of Southern Baptist churches will adopt this plan—on the same basis as Sunday school and training union literature. One hundred copies would cost only \$4.50 a month, or \$49.50 for the year. Payments may be made monthly.

Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports total receipts of \$4,299,018.19 for the first ten months this year; receipts for the corresponding period last year were \$3,694,972.60. The receipts through the Co-operative Program for October were \$336,441.18, compared with \$219,222.83 for October 1946.

Southern Baptist missionaries now in Japan are: Tucker N. Callaway, Alma N. Graves, Floryne T. Miller, Frances Talley, Cecile Lancaster, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrott, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Medling.

At the November meeting the Foreign Mission Board elected Mr. Buford E. Cockrum, Jr., as building supervisor in Nigeria, a service greatly needed now in the construction of educational buildings in our growing work in Nigeria. He and Mrs. Cockrum, who is an experienced bookkeeper, will go out on contract for a term of at least two years, possibly for a longer time. Although a layman, Mr. Cockrum has been very successful in winning men to Christ. They will go out as soon as transportation is provided.

In response to our latest request for up-to-date information on our work in Nigeria, Dr. George W. Sadler, who has just returned from that mission field, writes: "The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has contributed materially to the unprecedented progress which has been in Nigeria during these latter years. The three phases of work in which we engage have reached a

point of extensiveness and effectiveness that were undreamed of even a quarter of a century ago. Three new medical centers, two of them manned by doctors, have been opened within the past two years. The same may be said of a new school for girls and a new secondary school. One of the most significant developments is the establishment by the British government of a full-fledged university. The health and growth of the churches is indicated by the presence in Ogbomoso last August of more than 150 pastors who came together for a refresher course. It would be difficult to find in any part of the world a more zealous or a more forward-looking group."

China Press on October 29 carried the following item of particular interest to Americans who wish to send gifts to friends in China: "Christmas gifts from foreign land valued at or below U. S. \$50 and weighing below 50 pounds will be permitted to contain items on the prohibited list, it was learned yesterday. Tax will be levied on Christmas parcels in accordance with customs regulations. . . . According to a customs official, anyone constantly receiving parcels from abroad shall not have the same privileges unless he can prove that the parcel is designed as a seasonal gift." Each package sent to China should be plainly marked "Christmas Gift."

Recent arrivals from the foreign mission fields are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen from Brazil, now at 28 Ackley Street, Greenville, South Carolina. - Miss Willie Kate Baldwin from Nigeria, now at Laurens South Carolina. - Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson from Nigeria, now at 451 Clarkson, Denver 3, Colorado. - Miss Hattie Gardner from Nigeria, now at McBee, South Carolina. - Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell from Columbia, now at Route 5, Airport Road, Laurel, Mississippi.

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FRANCIS S. EVERETT

Since, in the wisdom of God, He has seen fit to call home his servant, Francis S. Everett, father of our beloved brother and fellow deacon, Oscar Everett.

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to him and all the members of his family our sincere sympathy in this their great loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our gratitude for the life lived by this God's servant, having been permitted to reach the age of ninety years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, a copy spread on the minutes of the Board, and a copy sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
I. S. Barnes
C. H. Cooper
E. M. Britt
Resolutions Committee.
Calvary Baptist Church,
Jackson, Mississippi.

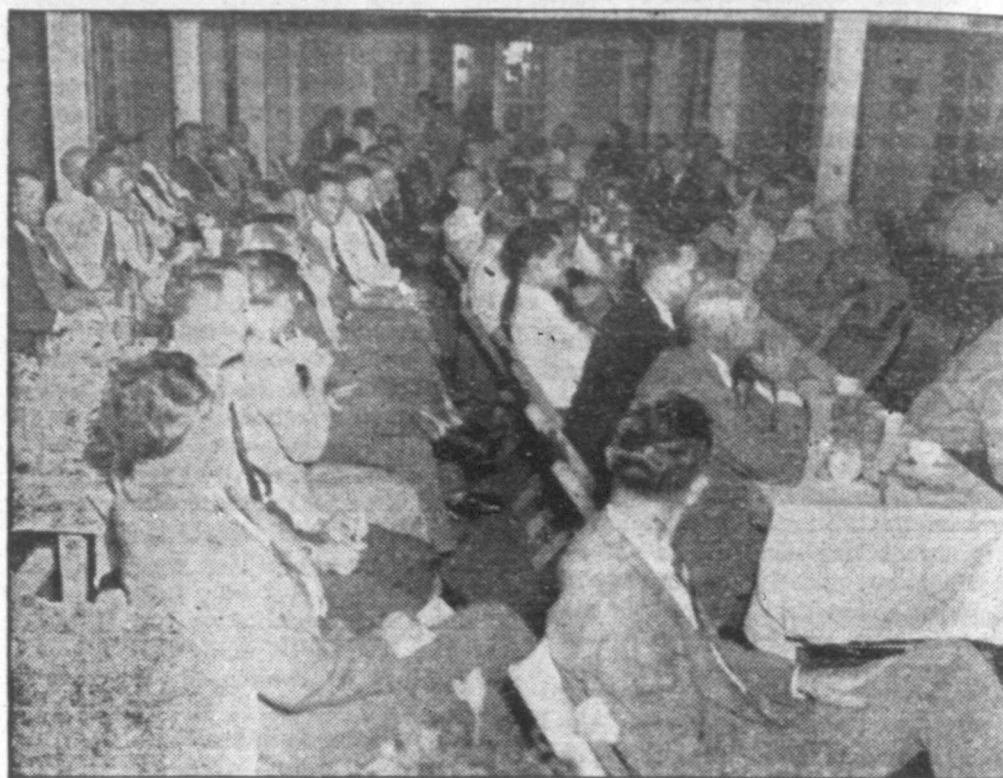
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The Board of Trustees, Management, Faculty and children of the Baptist Orphanage wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for every gift you have made for the support of their work throughout the year and more especially at this THANKSGIVING SEASON. May God richly bless you everyone is our prayer.



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BROTHERHOOD BANQUET, FIRST CHURCH, PICAYUNE

The above is a picture of the Brotherhood banquet held at the First Baptist Church, Picayune, on Monday night, October 20, with 104 men present. Dr. C. J. Delaughter from Coleseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, was speaker for the occasion.

The officers are: R. B. Jones, president; R. L. Williams, vice-president; and Joe Lewis, secretary. Dr. O. P.

Estes is pastor of this fine church, and W. Otis Seal is educational director.

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THREE LAYMEN ADDRESS STATE CONVENTION

It was a joy to have "T" Dickson of Northside Church, Jackson, and W. W. Keeler of Terry give testimonies State Mission night at the convention on what Brotherhood has meant to them. Henry Edmonds, our state president, brought a very heart-warming and encouraging message to the convention in behalf of the Brotherhood Department. These men all did themselves proud.

WAKE FOREST PROPERTY OFFERED FOR SEMINARY

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., to the Southern Baptist Convention for a theological seminary.

The Wake Forest property will be vacated when the college is moved to Winston Salem in conformance with terms of a gift exceeding \$10,000,000 from the Reynolds Foundation. Although the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed a committee to study theological education in the convention territory, there has been no indication that a new seminary will be located on the Wake Forest site.

General Secretary M. A. Huggins reported that total gifts in 1947 are expected to reach \$12,500,000, with \$1,000,000 used by the local churches and \$2,500,000 given for state and southwide objects. The Convention set a goal of \$1,500,000 for undesignated Co-operative Program receipts in 1948, with the division between state and southwide on a 50-50 basis.

Purchase of property in Raleigh for a new headquarters building was approved.

Rev. J. W. Suttle, rural pastor of near Shelby, was elected convention president, succeeding Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte. Special recognition was given to Secretary Huggins on his completion of 15 years of service, the Convention presenting him with a watch and camera.

Southern Seminary Alumni Hold Annual Banquet; Elect Van H. Hardin President

Former students and friends of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary held their annual banquet at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, November 18 at 5:30 p. m.

Dr. Dale Moody of the Seminary faculty was the principal speaker. Alumni President, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor First Church, Jackson, presided. He was assisted by the vice-president, Dr. G. Norman Cox, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson.

New officers elected were: President, Rev. Van H. Hardin, Rolling Fork; vice-president, Rev. John W. Cook, Jones County Associational Missionary; secretary - treasurer, Rev. Carey Cox, pastor, First Church Hazlehurst.

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'HISTORICALLY SPEAKING'

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

Calling All Pastors and Clerks and Moderators of Associations! Please contact your Board Member IMMEDIATELY and find out what numbers of the Minutes of your Association are missing in the files in the Historical Collection in the Mississippi College Library, and assist him in finding them that he may bring them to the Board meeting in Jackson on December 4th.

And thanks to you, from your Custodian.

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF CONVENTION BOARD



Convention Board members, past and present (mostly present)—Shown above are present, and some past members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who attended the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, November 17-19.

The executive body of the Convention proper, held a pre-convention session Monday afternoon to adopt reports and recommendations to be made to the convention Tuesday and Wednesday.

On the front, left to right, are J. J. Burson, Shelby, Earl Edwards, McComb, R. W. Porter, Collierville, Tenn., L. G. Sansing, Booneville, F. J. Eubanks, Lucedale, Fred Bookter, McComb, G. E. Wiley, Grenada, David Cranford, Indianola, J. D. Ray, Starkville, John D. Davis, Greenville, J. B. Smith, Hollendale, D. A.

McCall, Jackson, F. V. McFatridge, Coldwater, Bob Martin, Batesville, and Virgil Ratcliff, Petal.

On the back rows of the picture are, G. O. Parker, Carthage, N. A. Edmonds, Jackson, E. D. Hurst, Laurel, C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, Rev. Martin, R. D. Pearson, Macon, Madison Flowers, Goodman, Mr. Patch, D. W. Moulder, Forest, F. M. Purser, Oxford, C. S. Thomas, Drew, B. Frank Smith, Hattiesburg, J. D. Thompson, Plantersville, Varda Smith, C. J. Olander, Morgan City, Mr. Horton, B. E. Phillips, Newhebron, John I. Hill, Union, B. S. Hilbun, Florence, C. A. Hamlett, III Winona, H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman, Fred Mosley, Lucedale, Howard Aultman, Holly Springs, W. A. Hewitt, Jackson, J. B. Parker, Jackson, Howard Spell, Clinton, Luther Turner, Richton, Homer Scott, Tylertown, W. L. Green, Crystal Springs, R. E. Gardner Louin, and W. E. Hardy, Georgetown. (Photo by Pruitt.)

The recent State Convention amended the by-laws making Board members and trustees of institutions ineligible for re-election after serving six years, but eligible for election again after one year.

For the information of the various institutions and agencies, below is given a list of the Convention Board members arranged according to years of service.

Lists of other boards were not available in time for this issue but will be printed when received.

BOARD MEMBERS IN GROUPS ACCORDING TO YEARS OF SERVICE - 1938 - 1946

Group 1 - 1938 - 1946

Brock, J. F.	Phillips, B. E.
Franks, Dr. J. D.	Parker, G. O.
Gooch, W. D.	Rhodes, H. L.
Hewitt, Dr. W. A.	Ray, Dr. J. D.
Hurst, E. D.	Sellers, L. D.
May, W. B.	Smith, Varda
Morgan, Charlie	Wiley, G. E.
Pearson, R. D.	

Groups according to years of service plus above members.

Bragg, P. D.—'38-'39-'40-'41.
Burson, J. J.—'38-'39-'40-'41.
Barnhill, D. H.—'38.
Barkley, M. H.—'38-'39-'40.
Cooper, S. B.—'38-'39-'40.
Coker, R. L.—'38-'39.
Coulter, T. R.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
Cooper, W. R.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43.
Dockery, C. P.—'38.
Evans, I. D.—'38.
Edmonds, N. A.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44.

Eubanks, F. J.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
Graham, S. T.—'38-'39-'40.
Hardy, W. E.—'38-'39-'40-'42-'43.
Hodge, G. C.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44.
Holland, C. Z.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44-'45.
Hilbun, B. B.—'38-'39-'40-'41.
Haynie, W. R.—'38-'39.
Haire, L. F.—'38-'42-'43-'44.
Hickman, N. G.—'38.
Horton, F. K.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43.
Hill, D. L.—'38-'39.
Kyzar, W. W.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
Love, M. P. L.—'38-'39-'40.
Lee, W. E.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44-'45.
Moulder, D. W.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'44-'45-'46.
Maxwell, J. C.—'38-'39-'40.
Middleton, J. B.—'38-'45-'46.
Patterson, R. B.—'38-'39.
Patch, C. E.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43.
Parker, J. B.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44-'45.
Pate, R. E.—'38-'39-'40-'44-'45-'46.
Stewart, J. A.—'38-'39-'40-'41.
Stewart, W. E.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
Shoemaker, W. L.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
Sweeney, J. E.—'38.
Spell, Dr. H. E.—'38.
Thomas, C. S.—'38.
Taylor, J. A.—'38-'39.
White, George P.—'38-'39-'40.
West, H. G.—'38-'42-'43-'44-'45-'46.
Walker, S. L.—'38-'39-'40.
Walker, J. M.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42.
White, J. O.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43.
Young, D. I.—'38-'39-'40-'41-'42-'43.
Bethune, H. H.—'39-'40-'41.

Baldrige, C. W.—'39-'40.
Brigance, R. R.—'39-'40.
Corder, R. K.—'39-'40-'41.
Martin, H. L.—'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44-'45-'46.
Powell, S. P.—'39-'40-'41-'42-'43-'44-'45-'46.
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Roberson, H. W.—'43-'44-'45.
Storie, W. R.—'43-'44.
Sullivan, J. L.—'43-'44-'45.
Brame, Webb—'44-'45-'46.
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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

TEN PERIODS REQUIRED

The equivalent of ten 45-minute periods must be offered in class to complete any Sunday school study course book. Of course, this includes the time for the test.

Occasionally we get a report where less time than that has been given. In such cases it is necessary for us to return them so that the full time can be given for such credits.

There is no requirement as to how many or how few days shall be used in completing a book, but there must be offered in the class work the equal of ten 45-minute periods, including the test time.

A pupil must attend at least six of these periods in order to be eligible for credit.

We hope that teachers of Sunday School courses will be sure that all requirements are met for such credits. The work may be done in five days or four days, or even less or more just so the full time is given.

SMALL CHURCHES ARE VITAL

Of the more than 26,000 Southern Baptist churches, more than 17,000 of them have a church membership less than 200. About two-thirds of all our churches have less than 200 membership.

This being true, we cannot fail our small churches in the matter of promoting a full and vigorous program of church work. Many thousands of our people would never have an opportunity of attending church services were it not for the small churches.

We are indeed grateful for these small churches!

They not only offer opportunities for spiritual help, but they also give unusual advantages in the matter of

service because individual attention can be given to smaller numbers than in a church with several thousand members.

Therefore, in our program for reaching the people with the gospel message, we must do our best to help the churches with small membership also. Then, from these churches come many of our leaders in all walks of life. Many great Christian leaders in various professions can point to the blessings that came to them from attending a small church.

RECENT COUNTY CAMPAIGNS

Our most recent association campaigns and clinics have been in Montgomery, Winston, Columbus and Lincoln counties.

Leaders were cooperative, helpful and constructive in their work in planning for these, and many churches joined in to make it a great time in studying together how to build bigger and better Sunday schools.

The countywide program is one of the very best in reaching the largest number of churches for any phase of the work. We are so grateful for the fine associational leaders that we have in Mississippi.

VBS CLINIC IN JANUARY

Associational VBS leaders, please hold January 12-14 for our statewide Vacation Bible School Clinic.

A Southwide leader from Nashville will be with us to have general direction of it. We want all the associational missionaries, associational Vacation Bible school leaders, and others interested in promoting this great program in the associations.

So, save January 12-14 for this VBS Clinic. More information about it will be given later.

50,000 Baptisms Recorded By Texas Convention

AMARILLO, Tex. —(BP)— Inspiring reports and challenging addresses featured the annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The general sessions were preceded by annual meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood.

Executive Secretary J. Howard Williams announced that reports indicated a record of 50,317 baptisms for the year just ended, bringing the total membership of Baptist congregations in the state to 1,006,569. Treasurer R. A. Springer said that gifts to the churches have exceeded \$25,000,000. Receipts for the Co-operative Program reached almost \$5,000,000.

All sessions of the convention gave large emphasis to evangelism, R. E. Dudley, assistant editor of the Baptist Standard, said in a summary report. Speakers repeatedly referred to the possible shortness of time available to the church in reaching a lost world. There was also constant reference to need for vigilance in maintaining separation of church and state.

This was the 100th session for a general Baptist body in Texas, and plans were laid for a centennial convention in Houston, November 9-11, 1948, with Dr. Forrest Feezor of Waco preaching the centennial sermon. Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas was re-elected Convention president.

Hospitalization For 3,980 Incurables Is 5-Year Goal

According to Rev. N. R. Stone, president of the Mississippi Hospital for Incurables, the task for providing hospital care for the 3,980 incurables has been visualized by Dr. D. V. Galloway, director of the Commission of Mississippi Hospital Care.

The appeal is for churches and individuals to help present this movement to the legislature in an organized way.

The Lauderdale County Ministerial Association has endorsed the movement 100 per cent and have \$100 to help in the program.

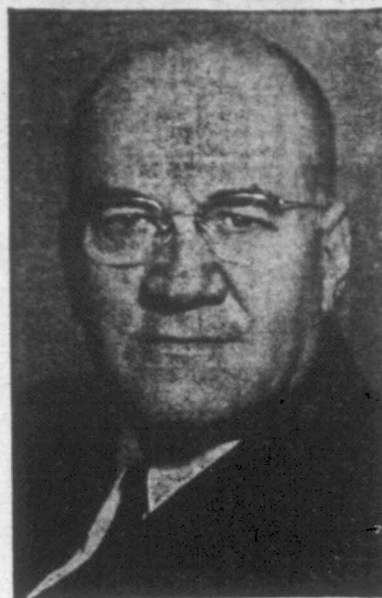
Others interested in contributing may send the gifts to Rev. N. R. Stone, Box 25, Meridian, Mississippi.

70,000 JAPANESE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 98 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

TOKYO, —(RNS)— Seventy thousand students are now enrolled in 98 Christian schools in Japan, it was announced here by the Christian Education Association.

Six universities have a total of 4,000 students; 12 men's colleges, 10,000 students; 16 women's colleges, 10,000 students; 17 middle schools, 15,000 students; 42 girls' high schools, 29,000 students, and five primary schools, 2,000 pupils.

DR. JOHNSON IS SPEAKER FOR MISSIONARY DAY AT NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY



DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Pastor of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis and President of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the principal speaker at the first Missionary Day exercises of the present session at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, according to President Roland Q. Leavell. The exercises will be held in Managan Chapel on Thursday, December 4, at 10:30 a. m.

Dr. Johnson will speak on the world missionary task of the Baptists. The afternoon and evening that day will be given to soul-winning and missionary work throughout the city of New Orleans by the student body of the Seminary, under the direction of Dr. Park H. Anderson, Professor of Missions and former missionary to China.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS WILL INCREASE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— The Georgia Baptist Convention in its 126th annual session voted to make a "special effort" to increase undesignated gifts to the denomination's Co-operative Program in order to "adequately provide for the Convention's budget and to furnish necessary support" for the various agencies included in the full program.

A 1948 budget of \$885,363 was adopted. Forty-five per cent of the total will go for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Executive Secretary James W. Merritt reported Co-operative Program receipts for the first ten months of 1947 totalled \$654,954, an increase of \$105,000 over the same period last year. The Convention pledged full co-operation in the World Relief campaign and called upon its churches to give special emphasis to collection of both clothes and money.

Columbus Roberts, Columbus, Ga., layman who has given more than \$1,000,000 to Georgia Baptist colleges, was re-elected Convention president. He told the Convention that "demands upon our people today are the greatest in history" and appealed for them to "meet the demands as God would have them met."

The Convention went on record as favoring legislation to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages, favoring legislation requiring premarital physical examinations, and reiterating its position on "the absolute separation of church and state."

Alabama Baptists Will Not Correlate Colleges

MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(BP)— Alabama Baptists have rescinded previously adopted plans for the correlation of Howard and Judson Colleges.

The correlation plan had been adopted at a special called session of the Alabama Convention last April and provided that both colleges would be located on a single campus in Birmingham. The rescinding motion urged future conventions not to take action to move either school unless such action is initiated by trustees of the school involved, and provided for financial campaigns for both institutions. Howard's campaign was set for the year ending November 1948 and Judson's for the following year.

Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, was elected president of the Convention. The group adopted resolutions urging defeat of a bill in Congress to make lawful the use of public funds for transportation of students to parochial schools and condemning a United States Supreme Court ruling upholding the legality of such use of public funds.

Money Asked For Repairs To Roger Williams Church

PROVIDENCE, R. I. —(BP)— Requests for financial assistance in repairs to the First Baptist Church of America, founded here by Roger Williams in 1638, have been addressed to Baptists of both Northern and Southern Conventions.

Harold B. Tanner, chairman of a special committee to finance extraordinary repairs, said that repairs on the old Meeting House have totalled \$40,000. Gifts from the congregation, special funds and friends have reduced the balance due to \$27,809.

The building was erected and dedicated in May, 1775. It is located midway between the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill.

The church carries on an active program, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Albert C. Thomas, and has operated on a balanced budget until the emergency repairs were made this year. The building, as repaired, is now said to be in excellent state of preservation.

Gifts are solicited from all individuals interested in "preserving and continuing the ministry of this historic shrine," Mr. Tanner said.

Columbia BWC Meet Has Good Program

Missionary J. A. Parker of Chile was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Business Women's Circle of Columbia First Baptist church on November 10, when 14 members and a host of visitors were present. Missionary Parker showed pictures of their field. Miss Flossie Evans, chairman of the program committee arranged the event.

Miss Ruby Evans presided. Mrs. A. B. Welch led the devotional and prayer. A solo by Mrs. McElroy was enjoyed, and a solo by W. C. Burns also added much to the pleasure of those present. Fred Fortenberry led in prayer.

The circle gave the missionary a love gift of \$51.74. Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., led the closing prayer for this meeting. Mrs. Shelby Carraway is the secretary of the circle.

Sunday School Lesson

By Hight C. Moore
For November 30

THE PROOF OF A CHRISTIAN

Since God is love and love is of God, the proof of a Christian must be love which by devoted brotherhood (1 John 4-5) and diligent walking in truth (2 John) serves the God of truth and love.

Lesson Text and Outline

1 John 4:15-21; 5:10-13; 2 John 4-6

I. GODLINESS (1 John 4)

Traits and Tests of a Christian

(1) **The Christian Believes in Christ.** He believes in the historical Christ. He believes in the messianic Christ. He believes in the divine Christ. He knows that Jesus of Nazareth was and is the Son of God, and he trusts himself wholly and forever to him for time and eternity.

(2) **The Christian Loves the Lord.** He loves God as the author of life and the giver of every good gift. He loves Christ as his divine Prophet, Priest, and King. He loves the Holy Spirit as his Comforter and Guide.

(3) **The Christian Loves the Children of God.** He loves them because they have the same Father, Saviour, and Guide. He loves them because they help him and he helps them in the common experiences of life. He loves them as they share their joys and sorrows, their trials and triumphs.

(4) **The Christian Obeys the Commandments of God.** He has the obedient spirit. His feet may sometimes stumble and his hand sometimes is unsteady, but he wants to do right and honestly tries to carry out the divine commands. They are not grievous to him because he loves God and wishes to advance his cause in the earth.

(5) **The Christian Overcomes the Word.** Enemies of the good are to be found everywhere. The soul must be on guard for "ten thousands foes arise." Moreover, the prince of this world must be dislodged from the planet. There is fighting to be done, defensive, and offensive. But victory can be won only in Christ. Then conquest is certain.

(6) **The Christian Is Cleansed by Christ.** Spiritual purification cannot be done by any good works he may do or any merit he may show. No baptismal waters except in symbol can wash his sins away. Christ alone can cleanse the soul of its deepest stain and sin. He can do it, and he does do it.

(7) **The Christian Is Enlightened by the Spirit.** The word of truth thus becomes effective in the human heart. Not only is the new life begotten but also illumined and edified. Thus light shines upon the path of life, and we wend our way to the land of everlasting light and life and love.

(8) **The Christian Has Assurance in His Heart.** He experiences within him an intimate knowledge of spiritual verities. He is conscious not only of divine truth but also of the presence and power of a divine Person. He actually may know the Son of God better than some of the fishermen knew him after following him faithfully during his earthly ministry.

(9) **The Christian Has the Son of**

Main Street, Hattiesburg, Overscribes \$70,000 Budget By \$8,000 In One Day

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, set a goal of subscribing the 1948 budget of \$70,000 in one day. At the close of the evening service on the day set, November 24, 1,136 people had pledged and the amount subscribed for the budget was \$78,122.23. With a goal of 600 tithers for 1948 the tabulation at the close of the day showed that 629 had pledged to tithe.

A year ago the church took one

month to subscribe a \$50,000 budget and on December first 1946 had subscribed \$50,260. There were 604 people pledging at the end of the month. 356 of whom were tithers.

Pastor John E. Barnes and the people of Main Street Church are happy at the wonderful response in oversubscribing the 1948 budget and doing it in one day.

Foxworth Makes Progress Under Howell's Ministry

The following Sunday School officers have been elected to serve Foxworth Church, Rev. E. L. Howell, pastor: R. E. Abernathy, General Superintendent; Stenly Upton, Associate Superintendent; R. P. Mullins, General Secretary; Miss Wilhelmenia Wade, Pianist; Mrs. Van Davis, Superintendent of Intermediate and Junior Departments; Mrs. Cecil Thompson, Superintendent of Primary Department; Mrs. R. E. Abernathy, Superintendent of Beginner Department; and Mrs. Earl Ball, Superintendent.

Two new departments have been added to the Sunday School, the Extension Department with Mrs. Gaston Beard as Supt., and a division in our Nursery Department with Mrs. Larkin Barnes in charge of the babies.

The growth of the Training Union has been outstanding in that the average attendance has increased 300 per cent. This has been largely due to the organization of three new unions, including the Story Hour.

During this growth the interest in evangelism has been high. We have received 56 into the membership of our church this year. 22 coming by baptism.

The efficiency of the church has increased tremendously due to the employment of a part-time church secretary.

God as Saviour and Lord. "He hath the Son," and the Christian has him because he has the Christian as disciple and servant. There is no other Saviour who can save. There is no other Lord who can rule heaven and earth from eternity unbegin to eternity unending. No other than he is the Son of God.

(10) **The Christian Has Eternal Life.** He has it here and now. He will have it hereafter and forever. He has immortality plus. He is already living the better life and the larger life because it is the life eternal.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

This commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John 4:21.

The only life worth living is the life of love. It obeys the divine imperative: love supremely God our Father; love as ourselves man our brother. And it heeds the divine negative: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" which includes "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

Love is the sum of all the commandments of God. Love is the tie that binds us to God and to each other. To what magnificent sweep love ranges from a topless heaven to the world's verge! Nor can we love just Him, we must love one another.

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION BOARD

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Kenedy, Hardee J.—'44-'45.
Perry, M. E.—'44-'45-'46.
Lowry, Ivan—'44.
Pennebaker, J. H.—'44.
Aultman, H. H.—'44-'45-'46.
Reedy, J. R.—'44-'45-'46.
Horten, James F.—'44-'45-'46.
Sewell, W. L.—'44.
Sansing, L. G.—'44-'45.
Thompson, J. D.—'44-'46.
Vassar, J. W.—'44-'45-'46.
Black, T. U.—'45.
Berryhill, J. L.—'45.
Cranford, David T.—'45-'46.
Edwards, E. C.—'45-'46.
Flynt, E. S.—'45.
Hudson, Joe—'45-'46.
Meadows, W. L.—'45-'46.
Odle, J. T.—'45-'46.
Sturgis, D. L.—'45-'46.
Walker, Phil J.—'45-'46.
Alliston, Wayne—'46.
Allgood, James—'46.
Ball, Paul J.—'46.
Collins, H. M.—'46.
Gatewood, A. L.—'46.
Harrington, S. B.—'46.
Locke, H. C.—'46.
Landeum, John W.—'46.
Mosley, Fred B.—'46.
Martin, R. W.—'46.
Ratcliff, Virgil—'46.
Scott, H. A.—'46.
Smith, M. Glenn—'46.
Taylor, James—'46.
Thompson, C. W.—'46.

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The people of the Hepzibah church in Jeff Davis county held a good study course recently in the book, 'How to Win to Christ,' by Burroughs, with Pastor George T. Dukes as the teacher. An average attendance of 20 enjoyed the class. The church reporter is Billye Dukes.

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THANK GOD FOR ALL AND EVERYTHING

Today is Thanksgiving Day! Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! ... From Mrs. Marcus Smith, our Student Secretary at Decatur, comes word that she is again on the job after a rather serious illness. We thank God for this! ... One Blue Mountain girl writes that she wants to do Youth Revival work next summer. We thank God for this! ... Miss. Southern BSUs have established a Sunday School at Camp Shelby. We thank God for this! ... Thank God for Mississippi Baptists and for our recent Convention! Thank God for all and everything!

POTPOURI

Welcome to Bro. Wilburn Smith, new pastor at Starkville. Riley Munday writes they have launched their relief drive for clothing at Delta State. Theo. Breland, 1st V.P. of BSU at Miss. Southern, is Bus. Mgr. of the annual there. Bill Thames, Miss. State our State Extension Chairman, was recently elected Vice-President of District 5 Brotherhood composed of eight Miss. counties. Miss. College recently reported 420 student members of Clinton Church, 525 at social. Miss Angeline Watkins is the faculty adviser at Miss. Southern. Fifteen Belhaven girls joined Jackson churches during Oct.

Thrasher Church To Celebrate 30th Anniversary

The Thrasher Baptist Church will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the church Sunday, November 30, 1947. The Reverend J. D. Thompson of Plantersville a former pastor will bring the message at the morning service, and the Reverend Robert L. Palmer of Baldwin will bring the afternoon service message. Special music will be furnished by local talent and the singers from Baldwin include a girls ensemble, a quartette, and duet. A special offering for the Building fund will be taken, at both the morning and afternoon services.

Thrasher Church in 1945 and 1946, and for the 28 years previous had only two sermons a month. The record amount of expenditures was for all purposes \$828 last year in September of 1946 the Church called the Reverend Marvin E. Hines as pastor and went to half time, giving a total to all causes of \$2400 of which \$691 went for missions. The Building Fund has averaged \$100 per month since the second Sunday in April this year.

The Church invites all former Pastors, members, and friends to attend the Homecoming services. Any gift from any person who may be interested in the work of the church will be appreciated.

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Bethel Church, Copiah County, is pastorless. Recently a pastor's home was built and the church hopes to locate a pastor on the field. Interested parties may write the Baptist Record editor who will forward letters to the pulpit committee.

BSU CONVENTION COMMENTS

"The B.S.U. Convention was a great blessings to me, and many others have expressed the same sentiment. We are seeing some evidence of its effect on many student's lives here on the campus."—Wayne Coleman, State BSU President, Miss. College.

"Thank you again for the privilege of being at the Mississippi Convention. I enjoyed it thoroughly. I pray that the results will be obvious in the lives of the students for years to come."—Jenny Lind Gatlin, Nashville, Tenn.

"... we are very happy over the decisions made by our students at the Convention. I believe we had the best Convention this year that we have ever had."—Kathleen Taylor, Woman's College.

"It was a real privilege to be in your Convention. Certainly you do have a wonderful group of students in Mississippi and I know that you are proud of them." (Amen!)—Charles M. Roselle, Auburn, Ala.

"It was a pleasure to be at Meridian. We hope our efforts proved helpful to someone. We were blessed many ways by so many others."—W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain.

"Harvest Offering" To Be Brought By Calvary, Jackson, For Educational Building

Calvary Baptist Church will observe the Thanksgiving Season with a special "Harvest Offering" on Sunday, November 30. The money raised will be used exclusively for the Building Fund. A new three-story Educational building is now under construction, which will add greatly to already crowded facilities, and is scheduled for completion March 8, 1948.

Special goals have been set by Sunday School classes and departments for this purpose. The schedule calls for a special dedication service at the morning worship hour on November 30, under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. Claud Bowen. At the time for the regular offering, the membership will come to the front and place their offerings in a large container made as a replica of the new Educational Building.

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CARSON HAS FINE COURSE

The Carson Baptist church has just closed a successful Training Union Study course in which 75 took the examination, earning an award. The adult class was taught by Pastor W. H. Wood, using the book, "Our Doctrines," by Tribble; Miss Mary Izard taught the Young People's Administration book; W. H. Wooley taught the intermediate manual and Mrs. W. H. Wooley taught the junior manual.

After the examinations were over the group enjoyed a social hour on the last night.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

PROVIDENCE CHURCH IS NUMBER 881

Providence Church, Franklin County, has recently adopted the popular progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Church clerk, G. C. Oglesby recently sent the EVERY FAMILY list containing 42 names and asked that the Baptist Record be started at once.

Such lists as these have helped the Baptist Record have the largest circulation in its history.

Baptist Record readers in Adams, Franklin Association are now listed as follows: Immanuel 12, Natchez, First 295, Natchez West Side 187, Bude 57, Concord 2, Damascus 39, Eddington 1, Hamburg 29, Hopewell 17, Lucien 33, McCall Creek 17, Meadville 61, Mt. Zion 28, New Hope 7, New Salem 22, O'Zion 28, Providence 42, Quentin 22, Ramah 39, Roxie 49, Sa-repta 31, Siloam 36, Spring Hill 15.

SHADY GROVE IS NUMBER 882

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Shady Grove Church Tiptah County, on the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Recently Sunday School Superintendent, Ernest J. Collier sent in a list containing more than half of the resident families and expects to add more names in the near future.

Tiptah County Record readers are now listed as follows: Academy 41, Blue Mountain 151, Chalybeate 48, Dumas 2, Falkner 49, Fellowship 35, Harmony 6, Macedonia 16, Mt. Hebron 18, Mt. Olive 3, Oakland 1, Palmer 20, Pine Grove 35, Pleasant Hill 35, Providence 43, Ripley 115, Shady Grove 13, Tiptersville 2, Walnut 28, Whittentown 15, People 17, Concord 23.

BIG LEVEL IS NUMBER 883

One of the latest churches to join the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Big Level Church in Stone County. Church treasurer, Ottis M. Bond of Rt. 1 Perkinson, recently sent list of 49 names. Lists such as these are helping the Baptist Record over the 50,000 in circulation.

Lebanon Association Record readers are now listed as follows: Calvary 17, Corinth 31, Greenville 36, Hickory Grove 78, Lumberton 131, Military 24, New Hope 1, Oral 31, Purvis 106, Sumrall 39, Big Level 49, Perkinson 33, Wiggins 91, Brooklyn 62, Camp Shelby 13, Carterville 50, Central 62, Dixie 39, Glendale 53, Green's Creek 75, Hattiesburg First 523, Bonie Street 30, Main Street 591, Fifth Avenue 253, Twenty-eight Avenue 39, Thirty-eighth Avenue 75, Immanuel 83, Lakeview 13, McLaurin 2, Macedonia 15, Maxie 1, Petal 167 Providence 95, River Avenue 61, Zion Hill 64, Estabutchie 3.

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Have you completed all your THANKSGIVING plans and preparations? Are you sure? Did you remember the Baptist Orphanage?

MACEDONIA MOVES IS NUMBER 884



REV. A. W. TALBERT

Macedonia Church in Lincoln County, a few miles west of Brookhaven, is one of the outstanding rural churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. A. W. Talbert is pastor.

The church has a modern brick building equipped with gas and electricity. They recently voted to build a pastor's home and to go forward in a full-time program.

It was also voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

During the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Talbert a ten room educational annex has been built, the Training Union organized, the Sunday School graded and several new classes started. A Brotherhood organized, and a weekly Prayer Meeting begun, receipts have grown steadily and more than 40 Tither's Cards have been signed.

Lincoln County Record readers are listed as follows: Arlington 22, Bethel 23, Big Springs 18, Bogue Chitto 43, Brookhaven First 578, Clear Branch 20, Fair River 47, Friendship 54, Gum Grove 40, Harmony 15, Heucks Retreat 48, Holly Springs 19, Bittle Bahala 5, Macedonia 3, Mission Hill 26, Montgomery 49, Moak's Creek 72, Mt. Moriah 48, Mt. Pleasant 58, Mt. Zion 7, New Prospect 45, New Sight 47, Pearl Haven 49, Philadelphia 19, Pleasant Grove 62, Pleasant Hill 46, Providence 1, Ruth 35, Shady Grove 1, Union 29, Union Hall 11, Wellman 67.

MT. VERNON IS NUMBER 885

Mt. Vernon Church, Leflore County, has adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

J. D. Campbell of Minter City sent the list composed of 37 names. Rev. John Gore is the pastor. From now on Mt. Vernon Baptists are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing around the world.

Baptist Record readers in Leflore County are now listed as follows: Calvary 183, Greenwood First 522, Half Mile 13, Itta Bena 70, Morgan City 36, Riverside 58, Schlater 47, Siden 40, Mt. Vernon 37, Minter City 1.

Did you attend Sunday School and the preaching service of your Church last Sunday? If not, you missed an opportunity of making an investment in the lives of the many boys and girls of your own Orphanage. It is not too late to make a THANK offering now. Make a contribution through your own Church if the offering has not already been forwarded. If so, just mail it to Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 1045, Jackson 109, Mississippi.

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"If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

These are perilous days through which we are passing. Perhaps the most crucial days in history. Unspeakable chaos reigns in our world today, and we are experiencing the birth pains of a new world order. What this new world order is to be, will be determined by those who mold it. Through crucial times we grope around, feeling out after a way out to better days. We tried the National Recovery Act, the NRA, as the way out of the depression. It is high time that we turn to God's recovery act, the GRA. It is stated very clearly in II Chronicles 7:14.

God's promise here locates responsibility. His promise is exactly what this old world needs today. He promises to hear, forgive, and heal. OH! the need of this just now. God is faithful, and He is able. Jeremiah 32:27 - "Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: Is there anything too hard for me?" God is limited only by His people, He waits to bless. The

inescapable responsibility is on His people; but they must be willing to pay the price. The promise in this scripture is that this old world sorely needs. We have failed God, and the results are before our eyes today. Someone said, "Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo . . . are not causes but results of the world's decay." Dr. Pierce said, "There is no escaping the blasting indictment that the world is in its present condition because of the sins, failures, perversions, and the neglect of the Christian church. The salt has lost its savor and the light is hid under a thousand bushels."

This scripture cites the only way out. During the depression days, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation met in Washington, D. C., to find a solution to the pressing problems confronting the nation. The president called on a financier from Atlanta, Georgia, for a word. He had not spoken all day. His reply was: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Just one comment, gentlemen, I wish to make: This is the only way out."

(Continued Next Week)

State Convention Elects Trustees

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention trustees and committeemen were named as indicated below:

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Terms to expire 1948: J. A. Tidwell, Newton; A. A. Ward, Centerville; E. L. Morgan, Newton; C. D. Shields, and A. E. Mason, both Meridian.

Terms expiring 1949: John Hill, Union; W. L. Compere, Jackson; W. L. Sewell, Prentiss; S. E. Sumrall, Bay Springs; Homer Roberson, Vicksburg.

Terms expiring 1950: S. L. Stringer, Jackson; L. E. Smith, Forest; Horace Headrick, Laurel; W. A. Taylor, Louisville; Claude Bennett, Stafford Springs.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Terms expiring 1948: C. A. Molpus, Belzoni; F. M. Powell, Tupelo; A. J. Guyton, Blue Mountain; Norman Price, Jackson; J. R. Davis, New Albany.

Term expires 1949: Miss Jennie Stevens, Canton; W. H. Anderson, Booneville; Dr. Arch Stacy, Tupelo; Mrs. Iris Ritchey Carpenter, Starkville; Thornton Ray, Pontotoc.

Term expires 1950: Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; Paul Owen, New Albany; J. H. Kyzer, Greenwood; D. L. Fair, Louisville; Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Walnut Grove.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Term expires 1948: Wyatt Hunter, McComb; W. D. Lofton, Brookhaven; T. M. Hederman, Jackson; A. S. Bozeman, Meridian; G. B. Young, Sardis.

Term expires 1949: Cecil Travis, Jackson; Carroll Gartin, Laurel; Tom Brand, Rolling Fork; Mrs. W. M. Whittington, Greenwood; A. Paul Smith, Jr., Monticello.

Term expires 1950: C. E. Young, Liberty; Frisby Marble, Leland; L. E. Green, Pascagoula; W. A. Sullivan, Natchez; N. R. McCullough, Hattiesburg.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Term expires 1948: E. L. Byrd, Meridian; W. B. Kenna, Lexington; F. D. Montague, Hattiesburg; Carey E. Cox,

Hazlehurst; E. C. Edwards, McComb.

Term expires 1949: J. W. Parrish, Laurel; C. R. Smith, Rolling Fork; Robert M. Ross, Hattiesburg; G. M. McWilliams, Hattiesburg; Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson.

Term expires 1950: C. H. Lipsey, Brookhaven; Mrs. R. Batson, Hillsdale; Ben Stevens, Hattiesburg; Mrs. B. Whitfield, Picayune; Jimmie Pope, Richton.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Term expires 1948: H. E. Spell, Clinton; M. Latimer, Clinton; W. A. Hogan, Decatur.

Term expires 1949: W. H. Sumrall, Hattiesburg; Eugene Farr, Newton; W. R. Cooper, Jackson.

Term expires 1950: W. L. McMullan, Newton; R. L. Wallace, Raymond; Norman O'Neal, Clinton.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Term expires 1948: Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson; D. C. Simmons, Jackson; Mrs. J. F. Kent, Forest; Mrs. S. E. Lackey, Jr., Forest; J. D. Walker, Calhoun City.

Term expires 1949: J. P. Wall, Jackson; W. C. Hester, Jackson; C. A. Roper, Hazlehurst; Dr. George Townsend, Morton; Owen Cooper, Jackson.

Term expires 1950: G. W. Covington, Hazlehurst; J. S. Love, Jackson; W. Jacobs, Jackson; C. M. Day, Durant; Zach Hederman, Jackson.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Term expires 1948: Thomas Purser, Sr., McComb; W. N. Ladnor, Jackson; J. M. Evans, Jackson; J. J. Paschall, Walnut Grove; R. L. Goodwin, Forest; L. L. Brown Kosciusko.

Term expires 1949: Lyle Corey, Meridian; Everett Cole, Philadelphia; Mrs. I. C. Knox, Vicksburg; H. Smallwood, Laurel; W. Harold Cox, Jackson; R. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson.

Term expires 1950: John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Joe H. McCully, Louisville; Forest Cooper, Indianola; Landon Miller, Brookhaven; J. V. Young, Collins; Herman Dean, Canton.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Terms expiring 1948: John W. Cook, Laurel; W. L. Meadows, Quitman; W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg.

Terms expiring 1949: Norman W. Cox,

Southern Seminary Breaks Ground For New Alumni Memorial Chapel



Breaking ground for the Alumni Memorial Chapel at Southern Seminary is Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary. Waiting their turns are, left to right, Professor G. S. Dobbins, senior member of the Seminary faculty; Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; Dr. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, N. C., president of the Seminary Board of Trustees.

Meridian; Charles Treadway, Cleveland; Van H. Hardin, Rolling Fork.

Terms expiring 1950: W. C. Holland, Greenville; B. D. Hardin, Bonita; Judson Chastain, Poplarville.

MEMPHIS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Term expires 1948: W. M. Gerrard, Greenwood; J. B. Middleton, Bruce; M. P. Moore, Senatobia.

Term expires 1949: L. T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; J. Murphy Thomas, Jr., Tupelo; J. B. Perry, Jr., Grenada.

Term expires 1950: Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; P. M. B. Self, Marks; C. G. Bobo, Lyon.

TEMPERANCE

A. A. Kitchens, Clinton; Thurman Booth, Terry; N. S. Jackson, Jackson; Carey Cox, Terry; H. A. Milner, Jackson; C. O. Estes, Canton; W. S. Valentine, Jackson.

The executive committee of the Brotherhood of the South was not continued.

A special committee in connection with the establishing of an orphanage in Memphis under the direction of the Baptist Memorial Hospital was appointed. On this committee of two J. H. Street, Laurel, and E. D. Elliott, Greenville, were named.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Term expiring 1948: Leland Speed, Jackson; J. O. Dean, Leland; Frank L. Fair, Louisville.

Term expiring 1949: R. L. Covington, Hazlehurst; P. M. B. Self, Marks; Will Whittington, Greenwood.

Term expiring 1950: T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson; Rex Reed, Tupelo; Joe Brumfield, Pascagoula.

COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS
Bryan Simmons, Ellisville; W. B. Abel, Meridian; W. L. Day, Louisville; C. J. Olander, Morgan City; O. P. Estes, Picayune; J. C. Pinson, Osyka; Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. — For the first time in its 90-year history, Southern Seminary is to have an adequate place of worship. Architects are drawing plans for the Alumni Memorial Chapel, to be located east of Norton Hall, and actual construction will begin as soon as the contract can be let, it was announced at ground-breaking ceremonies on Thursday, November 6.

Alumni, led by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and president of the Baptist World Alliance, have pledged themselves to the task of raising an additional \$250,000 which will be necessary, because of mounting building costs, to erect the structure originally planned.

"We are starting the building on faith," Dr. Fuller said, at the ground-breaking. "We cannot incur any indebtedness, but we trust that the necessary funds will be provided to keep the work progressing."

It is estimated that the net of \$235,000 on hand from the original campaign of the alumni will be sufficient to build the basement and the walls of the chapel.

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Linn church in Sunflower county rejoices that the indebtedness on their Sunday School building has been paid off as well as the cost of the pews. A dedication service is planned for the fifth Sunday in November when the former pastor, Rev. Clark McMurray of Louisville, Ky., has been invited to preach, with all day services. The church has raised their pastor's salary, raised the budget and has had the Every Family plan for the Baptist Record since 1942. An optimistic spirit prevails as the people face the fall months.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clorice Conner, Alene Johnson.

CENTER TERRACE CANTON

Center Terrace Baptist Church of which Rev. C. O. Estes is pastor staged a splendid Training Union study course the first week of November. Miss Louise Hill and Auber J. Wilds of the Training Union department, Dr. John Landrum pastor of First Baptist Church Canton and pastor Estes made up the faculty. The attendance had a gradual growth each night. One remarkable thing was that the attendance even on Monday night was larger than the Sunday night attendance. The spirit was fine, and the feeling is that it was a helpful week for all concerned.

YAZOO HOLDS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Mrs. V. R. Netherland, Associational Director for Yazoo Association took the initiative in plans for a Leadership School and Training Union Revival for the association the week of November 9. Nine churches cooperated making it a very helpful week. The Holly Bluff church, one of our standard training unions in the state, led in the attendance bringing 19 twenty five miles (fifty round trip) every night. Three workers from the State Training Union Department helped with the teaching. Refreshments on the last night brought the weeks work to a happy ending. Yazoo is one of our five standard associations this year, and continues with a progressive program.

LEXINGTON CHURCH HAS TRAINING WEEK

The week of November 2-9 was "Church Training Week" in Lexington, with the Training Union rightfully sponsoring the event. Each night during the week a study course was held, with classes for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adults. Two class periods were held with an assembly between. Attendance was good and the spirit excellent. On Sunday, November 9, the week was closed with the showing of the film, "The King of Kings". Mr. Emmett Reece is director of the training union, Miss Kathleen Bush Educational Secretary, and Rev. L. E. Burnette is pastor. Mr. Joe Abrams of the State Training Union Department assisted in the week of training.

Just around the corner is our State Training Union Convention. The date, Tuesday December 30. The place, First Baptist Church Jackson. The hours, 10:00 a. m.-9:00 p. m. The program personnel, some of the best talent we can find. The constituency, every Mississippi Baptist. The invitation is to join us in this great meeting and carry away a blessing.

INDIANOLA TRAINING UNION PLAYS HOST TO OTHER CHURCHES FOR HELPFUL STUDY COURSE

According to Mr. Joe Abrams who was privileged to help in the work, the Indianola church did themselves proud in promoting a study course that enlisted several nearby churches, Holly Grove and Roundaway, the main attendance coming from the Indianola church. On the faculty besides Mr. Abrams was Mr. Boyd, and Miss Allbritton of Moorhead. In addition to other conflicts including rain, Senator Eastland was in Indianola for a

speaking engagement Tuesday night. The course, even with the handicaps proved to be one of the best of the year.

LEESBURG IN PROGRAM OF TRAINING

Rev. Grady Smith pastor of the Leesburg church in Rankin Co., is leading on in a fine way. He plans for his people to have advantages, and they are following him as he leads out into a full swing program. Last week Miss Louise Hill was with them in a Training Union study course and she reports a good week in spite of weather conditions. It is fine to see how our people override difficulties to attend the work of the Lord, just proves that "we do what we want to do."

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Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

- December 1 — Rev. Zeno Wells, Pastors' Advisory Committee, District 8, Brotherhood.
- December 2 — G. L. Palmer, Newton County Association Training Union Director.
- December 3 — J. V. Webb, Vice-President, Winston County Brotherhood Association.
- December 4 — Rev. James W. Crumpton, Pastors' Advisory Committee, District 8, Brotherhood.
- December 5 — J. M. Reeves, President, Pearl River County Brotherhood Association.
- December 6 — Rufus Davis, Vice-president, Pearl River County Brotherhood Association.
- December 7 — William P. (Bo) Johnson, President, Winston County Brotherhood Association.

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At the suggestion of Mr. S. J. Mayfield, Superintendent, I recently conducted a weeks revival in the Industrial School at Columbia, Miss. Services were held twice daily for one week. After the morning chapel services, I was allowed to hold private conferences with members of the student body. They talked to me freely about their problems. There were 75 professions of faith, and many rededications.—Evangelist Barney Walker.

Miss Marie Pierce, reporter for Mt. Gilead Church, Lauderdale County, writes that the Beginner's Class, which has held the Class Banner for the past three months, was recently entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Knight. There were 22 present.

Rev. Marlin Miller, student at New Orleans Theological Seminary and pastor of McCool Church, accepted the pastorate of French Camp Church on November 9. The French Camp Church has quarter-time services and is an adjoining church field to McCool.

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Catholic Paper Attacks Church-State Separation

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— Organization of a Protestant national "group to insure the separation of Church and State," announced in Washington, D. C., was attacked by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Herald-Citizen said editorially that the organization, and the repeated demands of Protestants for recall of Myron Taylor from the Vatican, represented "black-hearted bigotry."

Homecoming Queen At Mississippi College



At the recent homecoming day festivities at Mississippi College, Miss Doris Nell Wallace was chosen and crowned football queen between halves of the game played between Mississippi College and Louisiana College. Shown above with her are Billie Ekes, Senior class maid, Doris Irving, Junior class maid, Martha Jean May, Sophomore class maid, Jerry Burton, Freshman class maid, and Frances McCullough, Maid of Honor.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. Guy A. Little, Columbia; Rev. B. L. McKee, Gallman; Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Whitten, Hernando; Rev. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; J. E. Barrow, Newton; R. E. Gardner, Louin; Mrs. T. R. Coulter, Taylorsville; Mrs. H. E. McPhail, Hattiesburg; Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Tenn.; J. S. Barnett, Tunica; Mrs. B. S. Hilbun, Soso; Rev. Darty F.

Stowe, Clinton; Richard W. Courtwright, Clinton; Gordon Sather, Clinton; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Shirley, Purvis; Rev. John R. Eubanks, Greenville; Rev. C. C. Chance, Tykertown; Rev. A. H. Childress, Lula; Rev. J. E. Crutchfield, Perkinston; Rev. H. L. Courtney, Laurel; Mrs. W. C. Morgan, Vicksburg; Noel Barlow, Jackson; Rev. W. H. Bucklew, Clinton.

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CONVENTION MUSIC

Most of the people that attended our conventions in Mississippi do not realize that in most of our southern states very little time is given for music. Entire sessions are planned with no music except the songs at the beginning of the service.

We are indebted to our leaders for the place music is given in all of our Conventions and Conferences. We are grateful for the fine leaders of congregational singing and to all who had a part in making the special music so inspiring and spiritual.

Our colleges are rendering a great service in training choruses and singing groups. Their efficiency in leadership training will improve as time goes by. It takes time and money to build a staff of efficient teachers and instructors.

In future conventions and conferences let us continue to give music a large place.

PIANO TUNING, AN ART

Not every person who has a tuning fork, a hammer a kit of tools knows how to tune your piano. Years are spent in attaining precision in this work. Your Department of Church Music is always ready to suggest organ and piano tuners if they are available but we have no person who we are sponsoring as such. We have no one employed to do this work.

CLINTON CHURCH CONTRIBUTES CLOTHING BY THE TON

The appeal for clothing for Europe fell on responsive hearts among the people of the Clinton Baptist Church. Very shortly after a visit by the representative of our Southern Baptist Relief Center, the B.S.U. Secretary and the Training Union Director were petitioning the pastor to organize a campaign immediately. The Training Union Director asked that his organization be the sponsoring agency for a campaign among the people. The pastor joined with these two and began to map out an effort to which was a pleasing response.

The campaign was opened by showing the picture SEEDS OF DESTINY, which was secured from the Relief Center. This is a sound moving picture documenting conditions in Europe and runs for only 17 minutes. It was shown as a part of the Sunday evening worship service. Informing folders also secured from Southern Baptist Relief Center, were distributed with the bulletins at the morning service.

The students in the college were organized into groups by the Student Secretary and they visited the dormitories and other residences of students. On Sunday Afternoon under the direction of committees arranged through the Training Union cars with their owners as drivers, and men and boys were enlisted to gather clothing from people of the town. By previous announcements and other means of publicity, the people of the church had been asked to leave such clothing as they had to contribute on their front porches in order to facilitate and make more rapid the collection. Those who were enlisted for the task

Recently one of our pastors wrote us saying that a tuner sponsored by the Department of Church Music had called on them and was given the work of reconditioning and tuning several paired and tuned but not satisfactorily large cost to the church. At the time of the writing one piano had been re-paid and tuned but not satisfactorily so, another had been taken apart and left in that condition. This man had collected for all the work and left. They are trying to locate him now.

Be careful about who does your work. Demand references and do not pay until the work is done in a satisfactory manner.

PRELUDES AND POSTLUDES FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The following numbers may be secured at the Baptist Book Store or Smith's Music Store, Jackson, Mississippi:

"The Christmas Story" by Adams (writer of "The Holy City") Lorenz Co. Organ and piano.

"Silent Night" by Ashford for organ. Lorenz Co.

"Christmas Joy" by Stults for organ. Lorenz Co.

"Silent Night" (difficult) by Clarence Kohlman for piano. Theodore Presser Co.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" by Seifert for piano. Carl Fisher publishers.

went about it with an enthusiasm which is rarely seen as is demonstrated by the fact that there was collected and delivered to the church more than a ton of clothing: No article of clothing which was on a porch in Clinton was overlooked and every home in town was called upon during that day. Volunteers were secured to sort the items and pack them for shipment in the duffle bags which had been supplied by the Southern Baptist Relief Center.

After the announcement concerning the success of the campaign the enthusiasm continued to grow in the hearts of some of the people who went back and dug deeper into their closets and are continuing to bring voluntarily to the church articles of useful clothing and bedding. The local cleaner cooperated in the campaign by cleaning free of charge all of the items which needed cleaning.

The address of the Relief Center is SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF CENTER, 740, Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, from which any individual or church can secure full information concerning the best means of cooperation in our distinct Baptist campaign for relief for suffering Europeans.

Rev. Carl H. Barrett has resigned the church at Lexie: to accept the call of the Calvary Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Many Protestant chapels in Spain now have to be guarded by police during services because of the rising tide of anti-Protestant feeling being generated by Catholics. Catholic organizations in Spain are demanding that Franco close all evangelical chapels.



REV. AND MRS. R. R. JONES

Closes Successful Pastorate

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, whose picture is shown above, are closing a long and successful work at the Southside Baptist church in McComb. The retiring pastor stated in a beautifully worded resignation message that the official "ties were severed but the vital and more real spiritual bond will never be broken."

During the 26 years at Southside, a new church house has been erected, a nice pastor's home built and a great organization of workers trained. In his message the loyalty of the people was praised by Rev. Jones, and his blessing was invoked upon the church.

Before going to McComb he served as pastor at West Laurel, Griffith Memorial in Jackson, First Baptist in Picayune and at Kentwood, La. His pastorate at McComb rounded out 46 and one half years in the ministry. Hundreds of weddings and baptisms have been conducted and many won to the Lord in 400 revival meetings.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones will be loved and remembered for their great and unselfish service during the years that have passed, and the good wishes of the people abide with them as they retire.

—BR—
LOVE

Love is a murmur, Love is a song,
Love is a handclasp when things go wrong.
Love is companionship day by day,
Love is the nearness of those far away.
Love is the comrad along the road.
Love is the lift who shares the load.
Love is ecstasy, faith and trust;
For judgement says, "No", but Love says, "You must!"
Love, the challenge: Love, the prod;
Love is the finger that points to God.
Love is the pleasure of sharing and giving.
Love is the Presence that makes life worth living.

Vivian Duffee Dillon.

Five Mission Classes Held

Five Mission Study Classes were held in Briar Hill Baptist Church, Rankin County, on the afternoon of November 15, under the direction of Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Young People's Director, Mrs. R. L. Compere, Mission Study Chairman, and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, W. M. U. President. Forty-seven participated in these classes, including five from Steens' Creek Church, Florence.

The classes were taught as follows: "A Little Book in a Big World", Misses Betty Coney and Gwendolyn Compere; "Lamp-lighters Across the Sea", Misses Billie Marie Gammons, Sadie Magee, and Mary Wells; "Lamp-lighter Across the Sea", Jim Clarke and Wendell Russell; "Great is The Company," Rev. George Jenkins; "My World, Too", Mrs. George Jenkins. All of these teachers except the last two questioned are students at Mississippi College; Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins teach in Newton, Miss.

At the close of the study, supper was served by the women with the timely motion picture, "One People."

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Plans Chain Of Marriage Clinics In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(RNS)— Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, Presbyterian pastor, opened a "marriage clinic" here with plans to expand into a chain of such clinics in cities all over the state.

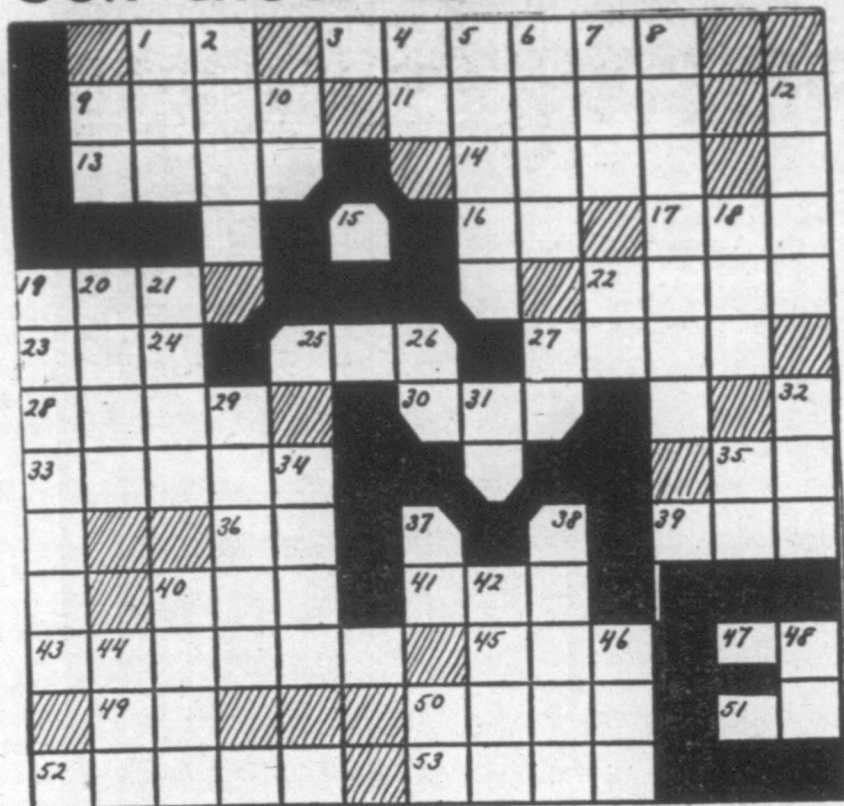
The clinic is the first of its kind in Alabama.

In addition to trying to straighten out existing difficulties, Dr. Edmonds will seek to give aid to young people contemplating marriage.

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Have you made your shipment of supplies to the Baptist Orphanage for Thanksgiving? Remember all railroads will transport any shipments free through December 3rd. Gather up the supplies now and take them to your nearest shipping point.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

JESUS HEALING A LAME MAN ON THE SABBATH

- Horizontal**
- 1 Township
 - 3 "it is not . . . for thee to carry thy bed" John 5:10
 - 9 "Behold . . . art made whole" John 5:14
 - 11 "but . . . I am coming, another steppeth down" John 5:7
 - 13 "and . . . up his bed" John 5:9
 - 14 "shaken together, and running . . ." Luke 6:38
 - 15 "had been now . . . long time in that case" John 5:6
 - 16 The (Fr.)
 - 17 "ye have neither heard his voice at any time, . . . seen his shape" John 5:37
 - 19 "For the Father loveth the . . ." John 5:20
 - 22 "said unto thee. Take up thy bed and . . ." John 5:12
 - 23 Israelite of the tribe of Asher I Chron. 7:34
 - 25 "a certain . . . was there" John 5:5
 - 27 "That Christ cometh of the . . . of David" John 7:42
 - 28 Girl's name
 - 30 "When Jesus . . . him lie" John 5:6
 - 33 and 40 down "of . . . , withered, waiting for the moving of the water" John 5:3
 - 35 Southern state
 - 36 "fled before the men of . . ." Josh. 7:4
 - 39 "and on the same . . . was the Sabbath" John 5:9
 - 40 "said unto . . . that was cured" John 5:10
 - 41 "They reel to and . . . , and stagger" Ps. 107:27
 - 43 "he that was . . . wist not who it was" John 5:13
 - 45 Sphere
 - 47 Month in Hebrew calendar
 - 49 Thallium
 - 50 ". . . , take up thy bed and walk" John 5:8
 - 51 "to put . . . into the pool" John 5:7
 - 52 "and troubled the . . ." John 5:4
 - 53 Sleigh

- Vertical**
- 1 Though
 - 2 "angel went down at a certain season into the . . ." John 5:4
 - 4 The last of law

- 5 "immediately the man was made . . ." John 5:9
- 6 "having . . . porches" John 5:2
- 7 A tree
- 8 Genus of the fish-like family
- 9 Size of shot
- 10 United Kingdom
- 12 "My Father worketh hitherto, and I . . ." John 5:17
- 18 "putteth new wine into . . . bottles" Luke 5:37
- 19 "It is the . . . day" John 5:10
- 20 Son of Zerubbabel I Chron. 3:20
- 21 Unless (Lat.)
- 22 "Why could not . . . cast him out" Mark 9:28
- 26 Novia Scotia
- 27 Southwest
- 29 "and the lizard, and the . . . , and the mole" Lev. 11:30
- 31 "there is . . . Jerusalem, by the sheep market a pool" John 5:2
- 32 "In these . . . a great multitude of impotent folk" John 5:3
- 34 Ten cents
- 35 General Assembly
- 37 "there was a fest . . . the Jews" John 5:1
- 38 "lest a . . . thing come unto thee" John 5:14
- 40 See 33 across
- 42 Perplex
- 44 Greek letter
- 46 "same said unto me, Take up thy . . . , and walk" John 5:11
- 48 "Wilt thou . . . made whole" John 6:6
- 50 Recording Secretary

Dr. E. J. Caswell Goes To West Point

West Point — Dr. Edward J. Caswell, wellknown Baptist pastor, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of West Point. He succeeds Dr. James C. Taylor who resigned to accept a position with Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

Dr. Caswell began the ministry here in 1917, serving until 1925 when he accepted the pastorate of the Greenwood Baptist church. He resigned there after 22 years because of ill health and returned to his old home in Louisville, Ky. His health improved and he served as interim pastor in Columbus this summer.

REV. MILTON BRYANT COMES TO WEST CORINTH



REV. MILTON BRYANT

Rev. Milton Bryant, Mississippian, and alumnus of Mississippi College, Union University, and the Southern Seminary, (BD '47) began his ministry at the West Corinth Church on September first.

Mrs. Bryant was the former Lona Barber of Hazlehurst and is a graduate of Hillman College. She also took work at Southwestern.

The Rev. Bryant writes that they are happy to be in Mississippi again and especially happy to be in West Corinth Church. There is a good spirit and plans are underway to begin construction of a new auditorium soon.

The Bryants have three children: Milton Jr., Joe and Mary Faith.

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We Spend Dollars --Not Percentages

By LAWSON H. COOKE

The distribution of southwide undesignated funds is becoming more complicated each year. This is chiefly because we do not have one over-all plan for funding our southwide agencies. We are going in three directions at the same time, part of the distribution being expressed in meaningless percentages and the other part in dollars.

At the present time we are distributing southwide funds through three distinct and dissociated tables. Table Number One takes care of the operating expenses of eleven agencies, and is expressed in percentages. Table Number Two takes care of the operating expenses of eight agencies, and is expressed in dollars. Table Number Three takes care of the capital needs of eight agencies, and is expressed in dollars.

So long as we deal in percentages, we are up against the insoluble schooldays problem: what will happen when an irresistible force meet an immovable object? Meaning, of course, how can the urgent need for an increased allocation of one agency be met without a corresponding decrease in the allocation of some other agency? All of this could easily be avoided by expressing our Cooperative Program, which is nothing more than a denominational budget, in dollars. It would then be possible to change one or more agencies without affecting any of the others. Unless we do this, our method of distributing southwide funds will become more complicated and unsatisfactory with each passing year.

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Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. HEADRICK

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Headrick celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on October 12th, with a home coming of all their children and their families. Among the guests for the anniversary were Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Rushing; and Miss Ruby Booth, secretary of the West Laurel Baptist Church. Rev. Rushing is the Headricks' pastor. All six living children were present. They are: Dewey, Horace, Allie, Zelia (Mrs. T. W. Fincher), Rulon, and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Headrick's home is at 808 Eleventh Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

Becker Church Is Dedicated



The Becker Baptist church shown above, was dedicated on November 16, 1947, with appropriate services, and dinner on the grounds. Dr. W. E. Greene of Clarke College and Rev. B. S. Hilbun were guest speakers. Special music was furnished by groups from Mississippi College and Clarke College. A large crowd attended, and beautiful weather made the occasion long to be remembered.

Becker church was organized in 1914. The original building was used until the spring of 1946 when the present attractive house of worship was started. The new church is adequately equipped with gas heat, a cooling system, a new piano and new pulpit furniture. New pews are being installed. The church membership numbers 293, with a Sunday school enrollment of 157 and a B.T.U. numbering 63. They have the Every Family plan of the Baptist Record, participate in the Minister's Retirement Plan and co-operate in the work of the denomination. Nine active and outstanding men are deacons, who assist the pastor in all the work. This year 31 have joined the church, 23 being by bap-

tism.

Gratitude was expressed at the dedication for gifts from outside the membership, especially a good grant from the State Mission Board and help from the Gilmore Foundation. The value of the property is \$14,000, and a new pastor's home will be erected when suitable location is secured.

Pastor and Mrs. John Barrow are students at Clarke Memorial College, and this talented young couple rejoices in the progressive spirit of the Becker people as they face the new year.

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McCall Criticises Supreme Court Plea

Editor's Note: We are reproducing below a copy of a story in the Salisbury (N. C.) Evening Post, Monday, November 17.

SALISBURY, N. C. — The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee who is here for a revival, today condemned a brief filed in Washington, D. C. with the U. S. Supreme Court opposing Bible teaching in public schools.

The brief was filed by Attorney E. Hilton Jackson of Washington, on behalf of a joint Conference Committee on Public Relations set up by four Baptist conventions. It called religious instruction programs in public schools "an invasion of the time honored doctrine of the separation of church and state."

The Southern Baptist Executive secretary, Dr. Duke K. McCall, called the brief "ill advised", and said "Southern Baptists will never support" such a position. McCall said he wished to disassociate himself with the state-

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

On November 12, Rev. E. D. Solomon and Miss Josie Nace Crawford were married in the Baptist Church at Houston, Rev. W. H. Thompson officiating, assisted by Pastor W. A. Lusk. They will make a bridal tour of Europe.

Pastor L. G. Gates reports "one of the best meetings we have had" in the First Church, Laurel, with Dr. R. A. Venable as preachers-16 additions.

Rev. Selsus E. Tull writes of "A Great Wrong Under The Sun" which he says is "the cruel and positively unchristian manner in which churches fail to pay their pastors."

25 YEARS AGO

The Mississippi Baptist Convention met in Grenada, First Baptist church, Rev. W. E. Farr, pastor, giving the welcoming address and J. L. Boyd of Biloxi responding. Deacon M. P. L. Love of Hattiesburg was elected president and Rev. W. E. Lee of Como, recording secretary. Rev. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg preached the Convention Sermon.

Educational Secretary D. M. Nelson championed the passage of a resolution through the Convention for the issuing \$250,000 in 6 per cent Bonds for increasing the endowment of Mississippi College to \$500,000, required for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; and also that \$10,000 of the 75-million fund be allocated annually to each of Mississippi Women's College and Blue Mountain College to get on the "Approved List." It was passed enthusiastically, subscription blanks distributed, and J. W. Lee announced:—"If you want any of these bonds, you better get them quick, for they will soon be gone; good bonds are hard to get and the banks will soon take them up."

Pastor A. J. Dickinson of First church, Tupelo, reported a revival with the assistance of Rev. H. R. Holcomb as preacher—and 117 added to the church.

Mr. W. G. Mize had given up the work as manager of the Baptist Book Store to become pastor's assistant to Dr. J. A. Taylor of the First Baptist church of Brookhaven.

ment which he said was filed "in co-operation with an atheist." Reference was to Mrs. Vasti McCollum; wife of an University of Illinois professor, who seeks to ban religious instruction in public schools through court action.

McCall said that while he might oppose specific kinds of religious instruction in public schools, he was prepared to fight any effort that would completely outlaw religion in the schools.

In a wire to Public Relations committee, McCall said "this is not only bad company which could bring discredit to your organization but the philosophy of life which makes public education solely secular will destroy the American public school system by sowing the seeds of 256 parochial schools systems supported by the same number of denominations."

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Answer to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

An Announcement

Two radio records containing the following are available for use over your local radio station or on record players which can use 16" records at 33 1/3 RPM.

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CRITICIZE LORD'S PRAYER SINGING IN MUSIC HALL

Gloria Jean — A 19-year-old Hollywood starlet — sang before a London audience recently and was unanimously criticized by all the critics.

One and all criticized her because she sang "The Lord's Prayer." They said it was "bad taste in a music-hall atmosphere."

The criticism provoked a variety of responses. It was termed "snobbish sanctimoniousness"; and "tops in dumb remarks."

One columnist said: "There is no music hall on earth which would not be ennobled by that song no matter how poorly it was sung. There is no place on earth where that song is not needed today. Rich or poor, vile or virtuous, weak or strong, we all need that song."

"The One who made it, gave it, in just such times as these . . . He did not give that prayer for any special creed or special need. Nor did He give it in any particular atmosphere. He gave it to all men everywhere . . . good men and bad men . . . in prison cells and brothels . . . in gambling rooms and cathedrals . . . in palaces and humble homes."

With such extreme statements flying around, we deem it high time to review the history of that prayer.

It is part of the so-called "Sermon on the Mount," which is recorded in Matthew, chapter 5, 6, and 7.

If Chapter Five is referred to, it will be seen in verse one that as the Lord Jesus saw the multitudes, He withdrew to a mountain, "and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth and taught them."

Hence, it is a serious mistake to say: "He gave it to all men everywhere — including those in brothels, prison cells and gambling dens!"

Only disciples of the Lord Jesus can address God as "Father." In speaking to His Father in prayer, He said: "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy Word." (John 17:6)

According, only men "out of this world," so to speak, can Scripturally call God "Father."

There is a great difference between "Creator" and "Father"—not in person but in relationship. All are creatures of God, but only born-again persons are children or sons of God.

The Word says: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26) There is only one class of persons whom the Lord authorizes to call themselves "children," or "sons" of God.

"But as many as received Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them gave He power (or the right, the privilege) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12)

It must never be forgotten that the Lord Himself, Who makes no mistakes said to some who remarked: "We have one Father, even God . . ." — "If God were your Father, ye would love Me . . . Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." (John 8:41-44)

Certainly, habitues of brothels and gambling dens are not lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ. If they genuinely loved the Christ of God, they would not frequent such places.

What they need is the Gospel of Christ, not the good news of Christ's death and resurrection for their sins,

they will love Him for dying for them.

They will receive the forgiveness of their sins, will be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and as new creatures in Christ Jesus will be able to acceptably address God as "Father."

The apostle said: "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, 'Abba Father' . . . and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." (Galatians 4:6-7)—Now.

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URGES FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

By Joe W. Burton

A call for a vigorous program of Christian family life education under church auspices has been sounded by the Committee on Social Service auspices and Civic Righteousness of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

"The dissolution of the home, ending in divorce in one out of three marriages," the report points out, is the result of "the miseducation of our day." Misguided views of marriage, the committee adds, have resulted from the movies, radio stories, books on indecent living, and the current "one-and-only theory" of romance.

"A constructive treatment of the pre-marriage period is imperative," the report asserts in part. "All young people should have general preparation in their ideas and attitudes toward practices in marriage. This preparation should come under the auspices of the church, which should prepare the young people for a Christian attitude toward marriage and its responsibilities."

"In the second place, we suggest guidance of the growing relationship after marriage. This guidance should be given through the public schools, Baptist colleges, and the local church. It should be given through the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention which should enlarge its department of 'Home Life' to be able to direct in the respective State Conventions a program of 'Guidance for the Christian Home.' Home Life, now published by this board, should be placed in every home of our Baptist people."

"Finally, we suggest active participation on the part of the local church to strengthen the new material relationships. This active participation is to be over and above the guidance program suggested above, and its basic purpose should be to keep the new, tiny circle from closing in on the two within it by drawing them into a larger circle of group participation, and into some service to the church and the community."

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TENNESSEE GIFTS EXCEED \$1,000,000

KINGSPORT, Tenn. —(BP)— The Tennessee Baptist Convention in its 73rd annual session heard Executive Secretary C. W. Pope announce "two notable achievements" for the year:

"For the first time Tennessee Baptists have gone beyond the million dollar mark in their gifts through the Co-operative Program, and in the gifts of \$1,114,585.37 they have for the first time surpassed the goal they set for themselves in a given year."

Rev. L. B. Cobb, pastor at Kingsport, was elected president of the convention

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

Romans 8:28-39. Text Ecclesiastes 3:14
By Rev. K. Z. Stevens, Columbus, Miss.

In our study of the security of the believer, we are thinking about a believer in Christ and not a mere professor. There are many who profess to be Christians who do not know Jesus as Saviour. There is a difference in professing and confessing. In Romans 10:9, we are told, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Every believer in Christ is safe because:

1. He is born into God's Family: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to BECOME the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12) "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Peter 1:23) Therefore every believer in Christ is now a member of God's Family. Relationship is established by birth not by a legal process. I have three children. They were born into our family. When they grow up, they may break my heart; but they will still be my children; No power can change that relationship. So it is in God's family. At the age of twelve, I was born into His family. I will always be His child.

2. The believer in Christ has eternal life. "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son (doesn't believe what the Son says) shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me HATH everlasting life." (John 6:47) We know that we have eternal life, not only by our feelings, but by what He tells us in His word. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye HAVE eternal life—" (I John 5:13).

3. The believer in Christ is assured of never coming into condemnation. "There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus—" (Romans 8:1) (How do we get into Christ Jesus. Read Ephesians 2:10).

We are told in Romans 8:1 that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ, will there ever be any? "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting life, and SHALL NOT come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)

4. The believer in Christ is married or joined to Christ: In Romans 7:1-4, the Apostle Paul uses the marriage relationship to show the security of the believer. "The woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth." "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to

Him who is raised from the dead—" Notice the application of his illustration. How lone is the woman joined to her husband? As long as he liveth. If I am safe just as long as Christ liveth, that will be long enough for me.

5. The believer's life is hid with Christ in God: "Set your affection on things above, and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:2,3) How am I dead and yet living? I died in Christ my Substitute, was buried in Christ by Substitute, was raised in Christ by Substitute, and am now seated in Christ by Substitute. I pictured this truth when I was baptized. The believer's life is us (Galatians 2:20).

6. The believer in Christ is sealed with the Holy Spirit: "In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed?" "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30) So the believer is sealed until the day of redemption until his body is raised a glorified body.

7. The believer is preserved in Christ: We read in Jude 1:1, "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified (set apart) by God the Father, and PRESERVED in Jesus Christ, and called." My friend, since the believer's life is hid with Christ in God-preserved, and he is sealed by the Holy Spirit, how can he be lost? To say that the believer in Christ can be lost is to say that the devil has more power than God.

8. The believer in Christ is safe for God does the saving: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8) "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling—" (II Timothy 1:9). Our text tells us that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever, nothing can be put to it nor any thing taken from it.

9. The believer in Christ is safe because of the Lord's plain word: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, any they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's Hand." (John 10:27-29) We sing, hold on to God's unchanging Hand, when the truth is God's unchanging Hand holds on to us. We are told in Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever." My Christian friend you are safe because of His unchanging promise.

Will the doctrine of the security of the believer cause one to sin more? No. May I illustrate. I know that I am my mother's son, by what she tells me, and that I will always be her son; no power can change that relationship. Does the knowledge of this truth cause me to dishonor my mother? Certainly not. The fact that I am God's child and will always be so does not make me sin more, but it makes me want to serve Him more acceptably.

Flying School For Missionaries Has Trained 100 Ministers

WINONA LAKE, Ind. —(RNS)— More than 100 missionaries, prospective missionaries and ministers have studied flying under the Rev. Paul C. ("Flying Paul") Hartford, head of Victory Sky Pilots, Inc., an aviation school here. Twenty-six graduates are now flying over foreign lands.

Regarded as the first enterprise of its kind, the flying school for missionaries was opened here in January, 1945. Written across the school grounds, which includes three runways, is the legend, "God Is My Co-Pilot." A new building is currently under construction as part of an expansion move.

George Poole, one of the 26 graduates now overseas, was recently lost in an Ecuador jungle when he made a forced landing. He was on a missionary flight for the Baptist denomination there. After six days in the jungle he was discovered and brought back to civilization by an Indian.

The Rev. L. L. Grubb, executive field secretary of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, another graduate, now flies to all parts of the U. S. in his private plane. He believes the airplane is not only an asset in missionary work but "a necessity."